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NAZI TANK DIVISION WIPED OUT: ODESSA IS THREATENED

Ukraine War Front Takes On New And Important Aspect

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Aug. 8 (UP).—FRONT LINE REPORTS REGARDING AN OFFENSIVE IN AN UNSPECIFIED SECTOR STATES THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED THE TWENTIETH GERMAN TANK DIVISION.

THE REPORTS SAID THAT THE ACTION WAS FOUGHT SEVERAL DAYS AGO, THE RUSSIANS USING ARMoured FORCES, INFANTRY, IN A NIGHT CHARGE, SUPPORTED BY TANKS, DROVE BACK THE GERMANS IN CONFUSION AND ENABLED THE SOVIETS TO DESTROY OR CAPTURE ALL BUT FORTY TANKS AND MEN OF THE TWENTIETH DIVISION.

HALF-OF ENEMY CONVOY IS SUNK

CAIRO, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Aircraft of the British Fleet Air Arm in an attack on a convoy in the Mediterranean sank two merchant vessels, probably sank a third and badly damaged a fourth, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique. One of the escorting destroyers is also thought to have been damaged.

GERMAN THREAT TO IRAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, Aug. 8 (UP).—Authoritative diplomatic circles state that the German Minister at Teheran, Herr von Etzel, has sent a demarche to the Iranian Government warning that Germany will break off diplomatic relations if additional Germans, under British pressure, are expelled from the country.

British sources in Ankara continue to declare that the Germans in Iran and Afghanistan are active and that there is danger that they may be carrying out a coup d'Etat on the Iranian State.

Berlin Denial
LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—A Berlin telegram to the official Italian news agency says that authoritative quarters in Berlin give an emphatic denial to reports that the Government of the Reich had threatened to break off diplomatic relations with Iran should Iran proceed to the expulsion of Germans from that country.

Re-Entry Of Women To Hongkong

Regulation Issued.

Information concerning re-entry permits for British women to re-enter the Colony is contained in to-day's Government "Gazette."

Permits for re-entry after temporary absence will normally be given only to those who are members of one of the two voluntary nursing organisations or the defence services or who are engaged on other work directly connected with the furtherance of the war effort.

Applications for re-entry permits should be made to the Colonial Secretary, full particulars of any essential work in which the applicant is engaged being given. The length of time, and reasons for which it is proposed to leave the Colony should be clearly stated.

Permits in respect of periods of absence in excess of 10 weeks will not normally be granted.

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Arrangements have been completed by the Minister of Information (Mr. Brendan Bracken) for wirecasting news pictures direct from Moscow to London.

BRITISH MINERS TO AID REDS

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The National Executive of the Mineworkers' Federation, at a meeting in London to-day, decided that in order to demonstrate friendship and solidarity with Russian districts should be asked to contribute a sum of 2s 6d per member to assist Russian workers and miners of the Soviet Union.

Malta Repels Raiders: R.A.F. Visit To Sicily

CAIRO, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. report states: "Malta.—Three enemy aircraft approached Malta during Wednesday night. The first to cross the coast was shot down in flames into the sea and the others turned back without dropping their bombs on land."

"Sicily.—During the same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed and machine-gunned a number of enemy aircraft on the ground at Gorbini."

"The aerodrome at Comiso was attacked during the previous day and bombs were seen to burst near the hangars."

"Tripoli.—Our bombers yesterday attacked the harbour of Tripoli and bombs were seen bursting on the Spanish quay. During the

It is recalled that yesterday's communique stated that the Twentieth Division had suffered heavily in combat in the "L" sector against Russian forces commanded by Commander Komrachov. To-day's reports indicated that the battle continued until virtually the entire German force was wiped out.

ODESSA THREATENED

LONDON, Aug. 8 (UP).—It is authoritatively reported that the Germans are seriously threatening Odessa. Indications are that the Germans are advancing further in a southeasterly direction and that a thrust is being made from the Byela-Tsorkov area, progressing parallel with the right bank of the Dnieper river.

Soviet-U.S. Relations Clarified

A Common Cause

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The recent exchange of Notes between Mr. Sumner Welles and M. Oumansky, the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, indicates a rapprochement between the United States and the Soviet, but does not mean that a pact of friendship has been concluded.

This statement was made by M. Lozovsky, Deputy Chief of the Soviet Information Bureau, replying to a question at his press conference. M. Lozovsky added: "The exchange of Notes shows that the United States has decided to give economic aid to the Soviet Union in her struggle against armed aggression. This assistance results from the common cause of the two countries, that of destroying Hitlerism once and for all."

EXECUTED FOR SABOTAGE

ROME, Aug. 8 (UP).—The "Popolo di Roma" to-day reports that nine persons were tried and executed at Trieste on charges of sabotage, possession of arms, munitions and bombs.

Commission Of Inquiry A.R.P. Department To Be Probed

His Excellency the Governor has appointed a Commission to conduct a private or public inquiry into the disclosure made at a recent departmental investigation into charges against a Government officer (since dismissed) concerning the payment of a cheque for \$500 for work done for the Government coming under the supervision of the architectural branch of the Air Raid Precautions Department.

The Commission will also inquire into and report on the practice and manner of the preparation and the presentation of contractors' accounts for such work and of their certification by Government officers, and will, in particular, inquire into whether gifts of cash have been received by any Government officer from contractors engaged on constructional work supervised by the architectural branch of the A.R.P. Department.

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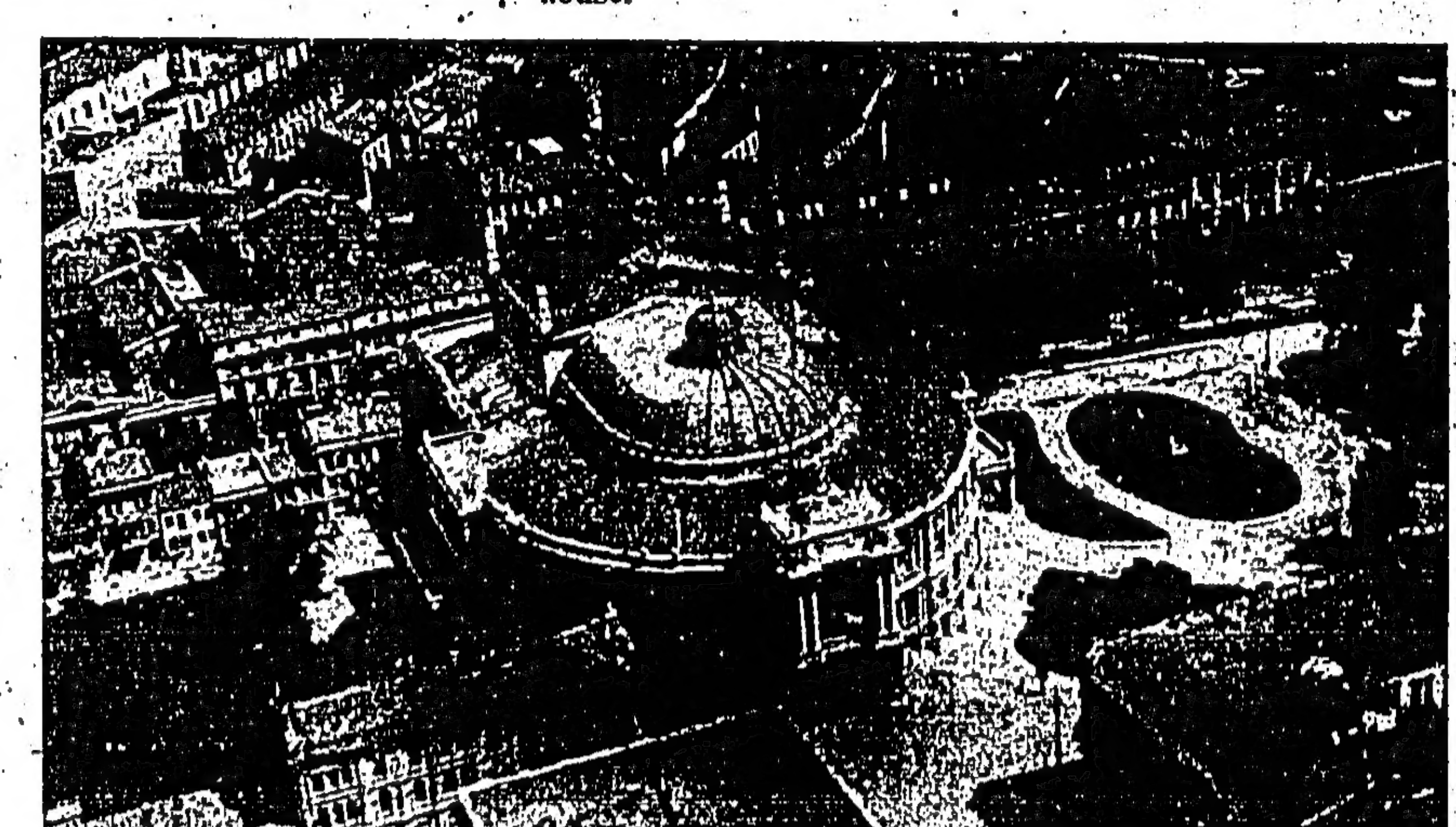
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Chief Ukraine Seaport

Here is an aerial view of Odessa, chief Ukraine seaport on the Black Sea, which, according to London reports is believed to be seriously threatened by the advancing Nazi forces. In foreground of this picture is the Odessa opera house.



Japan Will Not Be Restrained From Her Aims Says Tokyo Press

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Aug. 8 (Domei).—Pointing out that American-Japanese relations "have reached that climatic point where the slightest miscalculation of judgment on the part of either Power could easily precipitate an armed clash," the "Japan News Week," sole American-owned weekly journal in Japan, declares "It is imperative and incumbent upon both to make some effort to come to some sort of understanding before it is too late. Both Powers must find means of calling a halt to those provocative actions which at present seem destined to drive them to war."

Nazi Cities Attacked: Soviets Raid Berlin?

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 8 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that last night the R.A.F. attacked industrial towns in Germany in force, and that a "great weight of the heaviest bombs were dropped on the armament factories at Essen, Dortmund and Hamm were also heavily attacked."

The report added that great damage and widespread fires were caused at all three places.

"Small forces attacked the docks at Boulogne while planes of the Coastal Command attacked aerodromes and other targets in Denmark and shipping off the Dutch coast. Bombers and fighters attacked aerodromes in northern France."

Four British bombers are missing.

Delayed Action Bombs

LONDON, Aug. 8 (UP).—It is believed here that the R.A.F. dropped delayed explosion bombs on Berlin last Saturday night, which exploded last night thus giving Berlin the impression of an air raid.

Russian Raid Reported

LONDON, Aug. 8 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph" reports that TURN to Page 8, Column Four

LATEST

Shipping Services Suspended

TOKYO, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—"All Japanese ships for the United States have been stopped and there is no fresh development," a Japanese spokesman told foreign correspondents here to-night.

He added, however, that Japan might consider reciprocating if American vessels sailed for Japan. No oil had been received from the United States since the freezing of Japanese assets, but the spokesman added, trade relations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies were "more or less hopeful."

Mrs Selwyn-Clark In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Aug. 8 (Central News).—Mrs. Hilda Selwyn-Clark, secretary of the China Defence League in Hongkong and wife of the D.M.S., Hongkong, arrived here this morning by plane for a short visit.

Vichy Officers Held As Hostages

Allies Spirited Away

BEIRUT, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—It is understood that the 25 Vichy officers now being held by the Allies will be released as soon as all Allied officers who were removed from Syria have been set at liberty in accordance with the terms of the Convention.

It is believed that certain of the British officer prisoners were being removed from Syria at the very moment that the agreement was being initiated.

Several French ships have arrived here to continue the repatriation of Vichy troops and civilians who have chosen to return to France.

General Henri Dentz, the Vichy High Commissioner in Syria, is among the officers held by the Allies.

Expect Outbreak Of War Soon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 8 (UP).—Naval sources said to-day that the Japanese liner Rakuyo Maru is remaining in port here because Japan believes that an outbreak of war is probable before she could reach Yokohama.

He stated that other Japanese vessels might be ordered to return to Chilean ports to remain indefinitely.

Our Middle East Forces May Intervene In Europe

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

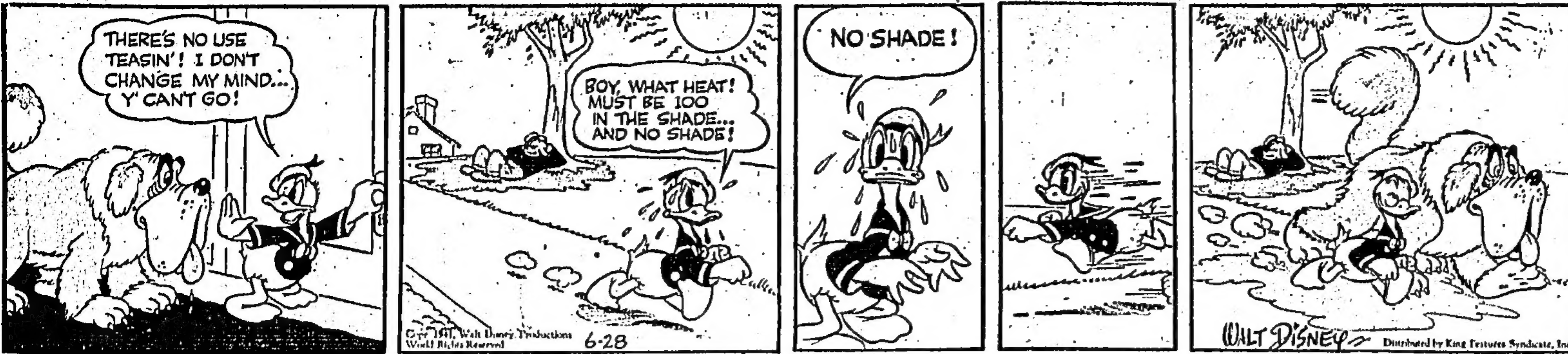
CAIRO, Aug. 8.—Authentic information in regard to the battle in Russia has been received with the greatest interest among the Allied armies in the Middle East. All realise the close connection between the outcome of the Russian struggle and the campaign or campaigns to which the troops here look forward when the present intense heat ends. Strategists are eager not to lose a wonderful opportunity to force the Axis to fight on two fronts.

German fears that the British might invade Norway or the Low Countries have been noted here, but it is felt, whether or not Britain at

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Priestly vestments
- 2—Chinese dog
- 3—Land out cards
- 4—Heater maturity
- 5—Southwestern Indian
- 6—State feeble
- 7—Food of war
- 8—Plant reproductive organ
- 9—Lick-like in musical scale
- 10—Unit of work
- 11—Opposing teams
- 12—Allusive sorrow in
- 13—Comedic bowler
- 14—Anger
- 15—Term during which thing is held
- 16—Farewell
- 17—Arrangement of sails
- 18—Furn
- 19—Mike's companion
- 20—Murmur loudly
- 21—To the purpose
- 22—Dumpty (French)
- 23—Alone
- 24—Close by again
- 25—Molton
- 26—Fast facing south
- 27—Chin
- 28—Fertile oil to bitter orange
- 29—Tidy up
- 30—Name one by one
- 31—Congress
- 32—Visual sensation caused by light of varying wave length
- 33—Paragraph

DOWN

- 1—Name up
- 2—Former English court of jurisdiction
- 3—Italy word for father
- 4—Biscuits with soft mud
- 5—Cause travel to crutch by treading on it
- 6—Liver
- 7—Litter
- 8—Lead-dresser
- 9—Litter
- 10—Flemish historical unit
- 11—Astronomical proposition
- 12—Underceptive
- 13—Lizard
- 14—Cardinal-dominion
- 15—Cliff's name (poet)
- 16—Jamaican gentleman
- 17—Kishante's in "Gears"
- 18—Constellation
- 19—Treat for by breath
- 20—Perspiration
- 21—Fruit-remade of grapes
- 22—Companions
- 23—Throw back
- 24—Faint exister
- 25—Faint
- 26—Desires for opening
- 27—Slur
- 28—Inborn
- 29—Trough waterway
- 30—Male singer
- 31—Turkish sea
- 32—Make angry
- 33—Command
- 34—Ancient German
- 35—Vine dress
- 36—Entered
- 37—Philosophy
- 38—Witty remark

THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL MINORITY

THE MOST POWERFUL MINORITY on the face of the earth is that of the Parsis. Numbering only 110,000, these descendants of the ancient Persians are noted throughout the world for their wealth, learning and culture. Millionaires are common among them; numerous Parsis have the distinction of possessing fortunes worthy of Croesus, and many have been knighted by His Majesty the King for services to the British Empire.

Their history forms one of the most interesting chapters in the grand saga of human progress and goes back to the distant age when the Aryan peoples were still an undivided clan in the fair land of *Airyaana Vaeja* (original home of the Aryans), which is said to have been located in the Arctic regions of Asia.

The name "Parsi" signifies "people from Pars (Persia)," and they have been settled in the Province of Gujarat in India since the seventh century A. D. Their arrival was the result of the Mohammedan conquest of Persia by the victorious Arabs, who within ten years after the flight of the Prophet to Medina in 622 A. D. embarked upon a career of conquest. By 640 A. D., the whole of Persia and every country north of the Indus and Oxus-rivers had submitted to the invaders. Thirty thousand Persian families fled into the Roman Empire and settled in Constantinople. Another group under the leadership of the imperial princes emigrated to China and ultimately settled there, while certain sections of the Persian population moved into Seistan and Russia.

OTHER IRANIAN FAMILIES who refused to accept the faith of the Koran fled across the Arabian Sea to Western India. Jadirana, the Hindu Prince of the country, granted the strangers' request for refuge on the condition that they obey the laws of the kingdom and help him and his successors in time of war. Other stipulations were that the refugees should adopt the dress and language of the Hindu people and introduce certain changes in their marriage ceremony. These conditions the Parsis have observed more or less faithfully to this day, and have distinguished themselves as one of the most law-abiding communities in the East.

Although India has been the abode of the Parsis for over twelve hundred years, the majority still consider the Land of the Lion and the Sun as their ancestral home, and the various religious ceremonies of the people recall the pomp and splendour of ancient Iran. In order to further commemorate their long exile, their chronology is based on the reign of Yezdegerd, the last Sassanian monarch of Iran, who died in 651 A. D. The present year (1941) is incidentally the year 1311 of the Parsi calendar.

THE PARSIS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN STAUNCH SUPPORTERS of the enlightened British rule in India, and their association with Britain goes back to the time of the Honourable East India Company. The rise of Bombay to the position of one of the greatest emporiums in the East was largely due to Parsi enterprise, so much so that Bombay may be regarded as a Parsi city, for their community comprises the most numerous, wealthy and powerful section of the population. Most of the business of Bombay is in Parsi hands, and at one time in the 17th century, British warships were built there for H.M.'s Navy in a dockyard owned by a Parsi family.

The cordial relationship existing between the Parsi community and the British government may be partially explained, inasmuch as the former are the most progressive people of India. Their estimable qualities have won for them the respect and admiration of the world, and their business ability has placed them foremost among Indian industrialists.

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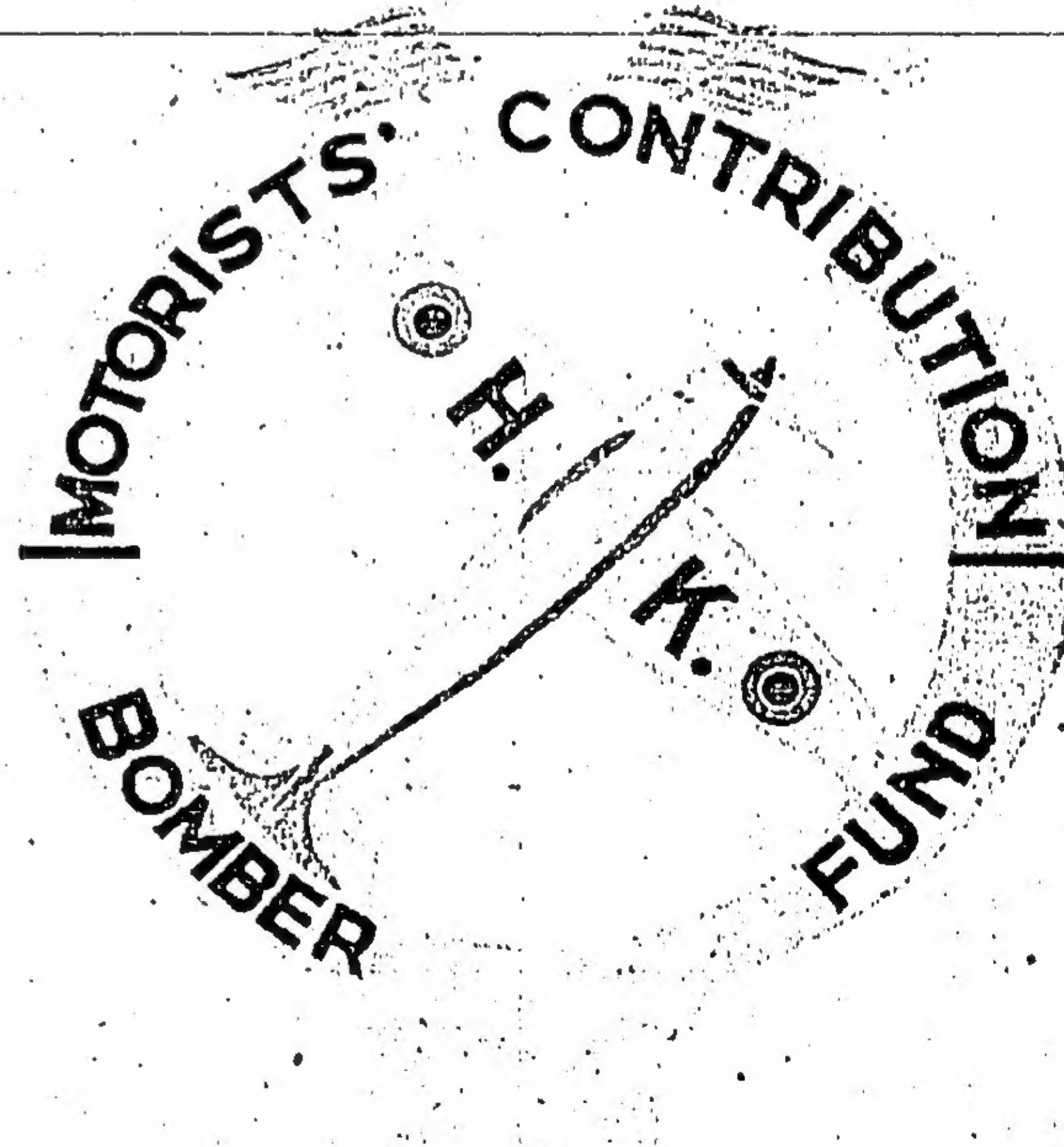
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The Commons, symbol of the longest, most uninterrupted, and most dignified and enlightened experience of popular government that the world has ever known.

When the Nazis burned the Reichstag the world should have leapt to arms. For in all the wildness there is always a certain pattern, ominous, symbolical, portentous.

When they set fire to synagogues they made a little trial arson on the abodes of the human soul. Soon, and inevitably, it would be the Abbey. When they burnt the books in the public square—just a few years ago—soon, soon the world should have known, it would be the Museum.

THE Abbey, the Commons, the Museum, are not just buildings. They are history—the history of the human soul and the human mind, struggling upward, ever upward, toward light, toward freedom, toward knowledge, toward grandeur.

THEY ARE BEYOND THE PRESENT AND BEYOND BRITAIN. THEY BELONG TO MANKIND—TO THE PAST—TO THE FUTURE.

They are the link between what Man, for thousands of years, has considered good and worthy to be praised, and the better and truer to-morrow which he must build.

These are what are falling, falling, falling in the moonlit night, or falling in the blazing light of the fires of hell.

Falling is the temple of Man's Soul, falling are the monuments to the great dead that remind us constantly of the sacrament of Life, falling is the careful structure of beauty and of wisdom, falling are the parliaments of Man.

Falling is Western civilisation. A world, is passing away, in wantonness o'erthrown. Wanton. Senseless. Insane. Idiotic. Evil. Even trivial.

Yes, even trivial. Trivial this childish, barbarian, crazy assault upon the human race. A few boys with some machines and explosives press buttons, and where are you, Shakespeare, and where are you, Blake, and where are you, oh, long deep memorable history of Man?

THIS war is to stop the destroyers of civilisation in their tracks. To defend the Abbey, the Museum and the Commons.

To see to it that though they lie in rubble, and the very dead are exploded out of their tombs into the light of arson brighter than day, and the records of a thousand searching brains are mingled with the ashes of a surprised child's hair, and the representatives of the people must meet under the sky of a roofless hall—to see to it that nevertheless—

THE ABBEY STANDS; THE MUSEUM LIVES; THE COMMONS MEET, BECAUSE THE HUMAN WILL CANNOT BE BROKEN.

It is better to say nothing at all, perhaps. To stand still in deepest awe. To look . . . to gaze hard, not to avert the eyes—not for a moment—to stare, to think, to realise.

To realise a world without the Abbey, the Museum, the Commons.

A world without aspiration, love, reverence, wisdom, freedom.

THERE is a touch-and-go chance that we may save enough civilisation to build another world on, but no chance at all unless we risk our skins.

And our lives, fortunes, and sacred honour. And our savings, wages, and standard of living.

And if Hitler wins? What are savings? Are they in the bank? Or in the Abbey, the Museum, and the Commons?

Our Second Lesson

ABOUT ten years ago, one of the most remarkable of David Low's cartoons appeared.

It showed the outstretched hand of God, holding upon its palm the contentious political puppets of that day. The caption beneath the picture (which I quote from memory) ran: "Little men, little men, must I teach you another lesson?"

To-day we are enduring that second lesson—we who for twenty years elected as our rulers a series of inept politicians who proved capable of preparing neither for peace nor for war.

Whether we are being punished by God or are paying the price of our own inertia is a question that each reader will answer according to his or her theology.

We should not unduly disparage our incompetent statesmen—not even the disastrous Baldwin - Macdonald - Baldwin sequence pilloried in "Guilty Men."

To do so is merely to indulge in one more of those forms of self-righteousness with which a nation at war is apt to console itself. By blaming the leaders whom we ourselves selected, we merely avoid acknowledging the measure of our own responsibility.

QUESTION . . . There is only one permanent question, now, to which the answer really matters. Put in several different ways, it is this:

Have we learned anything from our second experience of the consequences of spiritual failure?

What are the signs that when we recover the right to renew our leaders, we shall choose better than before?

Is there any indication that we shall elect finer, more far-

By **VERA
BRITAIN**

sighted men and women because our ideas of the conduct to be demanded of them have advanced since 1918?

What evidence exists, after twenty months of conflict, that we are more ready for a spiritual revival (and our choice of our rulers will be determined by nothing less) than we were after twenty months of another war, in 1916?

AND ANSWER

The answer, I think, lies partly in the immense contrast between the characters of the two great wars.

Mainly, as I see it, this difference is twofold.

First, since the opening months of "Sitzkrieg" ended with the invasion of Scandinavia, this war has been one of perpetual motion which has dumbfounded us with our inability to follow the rush of events.

Nothing could differ more vividly from the opening months of 1916, when every combatant country was depressed by the costly stalemate of prolonged trench warfare.

To-day, with events constantly on the move, our ideas also take wings. Even since 1939 we have altered profoundly in our estimate of what we can face, accept and endure.

Without the consolations of national success or personal glory, we know that we can find enough courage to accomplish our daily tasks.

Whether our work is directed towards war to-day or peace to-morrow, our energy and idealism, though less articulate than the last war's emotions, remain undiminished.

Yet all the time—not in spite but because of the blows that our pride has received—we are, I believe, developing a humbler spirit and a greater sense of realism.

THE GREAT CHANGE . . . Our British capacity for self-deception is being undermined—let us hope for ever.

Not only have we learned that human nature can change. It has changed, it is changing, week by week and day by day.

The second contrast lies in the fact that Britain, exempt for centuries from the heavy cost of war to civilians in the fighting areas, has now become the major battlefield.

To-day the failure of men and women to work for the lasting peace that they might have achieved has brought whole nations into the struggle.

Not only the workmen in the factories, but the mothers in their homes run risks comparable to those of the fighting soldier in the war of 1914.

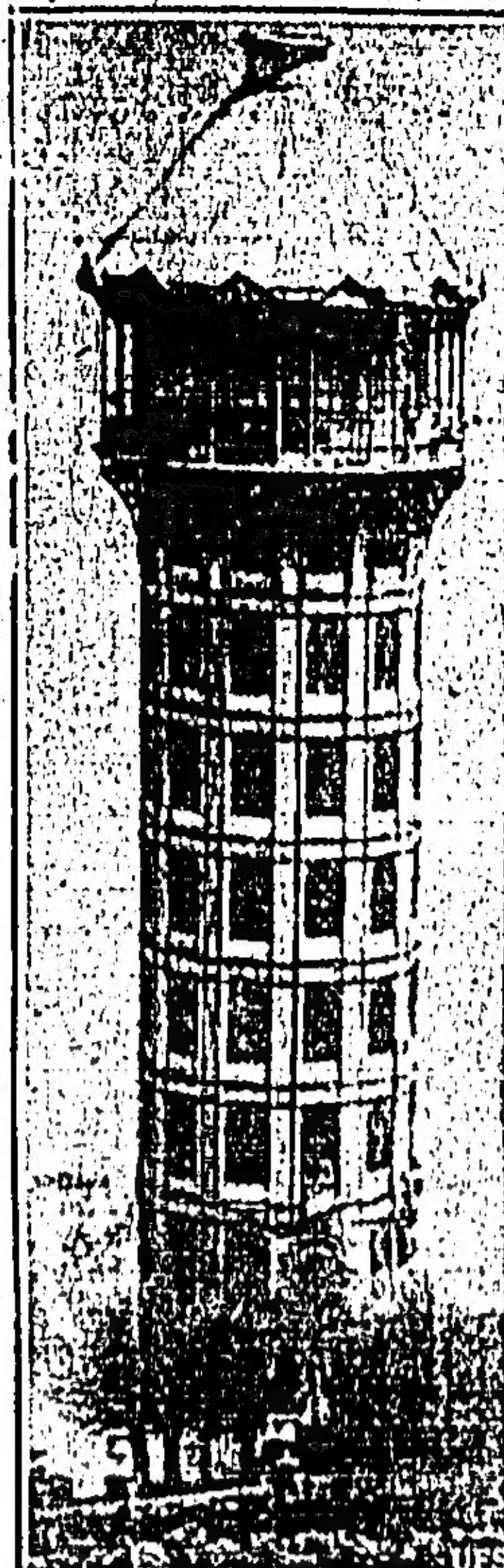
This shared experience, especially among those of us who have known for many months the hazards of target cities, is not merely making us kinder towards each other.

SETTLING TIME

Despite the roar for reprisals, which comes mainly from comfortably remote areas, we are more tolerant than we were towards those other suffering men and women whom, for the time being, we must call our foes.

Because we civilians have suffered widely and severely, we are learning that the wages of sin—whether ours or Germany's—lie in the logic of history, and there alone.

It may even be that when the time for a settlement comes, our Second Lesson will have taught us to send to Westminster, not avenging demagogues glibly promising to hang Hitler and bankrupt Germany, but courageous men and women capable of leading exhausted mankind into the way of peace.



ALL DOWN—Demolished by a dynamite charge, the north tower of London's famed Crystal Palace comes tumbling down. About 800 tons of cast iron are salvaged for munitions.

RUSSIA HAS 200 SUBS

RUSSIA finds her greatest naval strength in submarines—200 of them and 50 more building—and in minelaying.

One of these submarines is the old British L55, built in 1918. She was lost in a collision in the Baltic in 1919 and salvaged.

The main plank of Russian naval strategy is defence, though in recent years her admirals have talked of a big offensive navy. Three 35,000-ton battleships are believed to be building. But shipbuilding in Russia is slow, and Russia enters the war with her surface navy still mainly a defensive weapon, relying on her submarines, her 75 destroyers, and her minelayers.

The Soviet Navy is disposed in four fleets—Baltic, Black Sea, Arctic, and the Pacific—and all have been on exercises during the war.

SECRET BUILDING

Admiral Kuznetsov, the Soviet's 39-year-old Naval Commander, knows Russian sailors have courage. But courage is not enough. Kuznetsov has striven to teach his men how to run a ship.

Have they learned? It is a question the new war may answer. It is important to us. Let us examine possibilities:

Black Sea: Here Germany has been able to defy our blockade; now Russia can send ships, as big as destroyers, from the Baltic to the Black Sea by her canal system.

Baltic: Russian submarines operating from the Gulf of Finland may interrupt Germany's supply lines to Scandinavia.

Arctic: Russia can see to it that no German ship can find a hiding place in northern waters.

Pacific: The movements of Axis raiders may have attention.

To support her submarines, minelayers and destroyers Russia has three 30-year-old battleships with 12-inch guns; five 8,000-ton cruisers with 7.1-in. guns; and two 7,000-ton cruisers with 5.1-in. guns.

So much is known, but there has been much secret building.

Bernard Hall

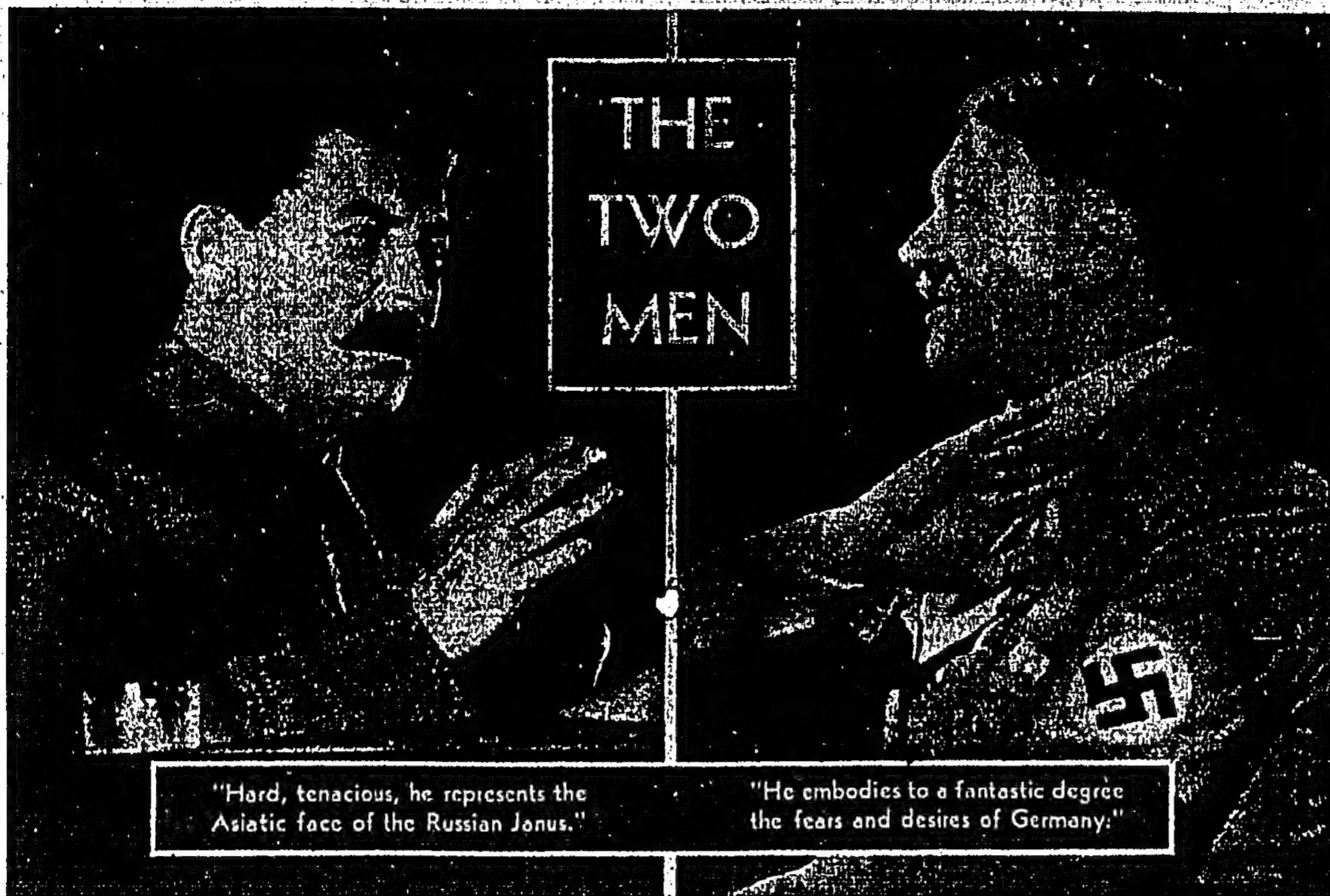
THERE IS SOMETHING STRANGE AND FASCINATING in the relationship of Hitler and Stalin. They were until recently at opposite poles of policy. Then the two extremes met and people began to discover that there was much similarity between the Nazi and Bolshevik regimes if not between the personalities of the two dictators. By a sudden turn of the wheel they have become enemies again, which makes it all the more interesting to survey them in comparative analysis.

Stalin and Hitler have this in common—that they both rose from the humblest origin to supreme power in their respective countries. That statement requires a qualification, because Stalin, ruler of Russia, was not a Russian but a Georgian, and Hitler, Fuehrer of Germany, was an Austrian by birth. Both men rose by their own efforts, by the inner force which drove them. But there is the fundamental difference that Stalin was the inheritor of a position which Lenin had created, whereas Hitler made his position for himself.

That Hitler stole much of his thunder from the Bolsheviks, as Mussolini had done before him, can hardly be denied, and it is also probable that he may have profited by Bolshevik errors and endeavoured to avoid them. Yet as fate would have it, there was one incident in the lives of both men which they did not avoid. Both found it expedient to kill their former comrades.

The world knows Stalin's history. Education at an Orthodox Church seminary, which this son of a poor Georgian cobbler won by his own diligence and the kindness of an old priest whom Stalin's mother knew. She was a most religious woman and once told an American correspondent somewhat sadly, "I know my son rules in the Kremlin, but if he had not been naughty and turned away from God and been forced to leave his school he might by now be a Bishop."

Like Hitler, Stalin fought in his younger days, but not against foreign foes. On one occasion he plotted the seizure by violence of the treasure of the State Bank of Tiflis, and perhaps took part in the bloody scuffle when the treasure was captured from its guardians on the way from the bank to



"Hard, tenacious, he represents the Asiatic face of the Russian Janus."

"He embodies to a fantastic degree the fears and desires of Germany."

the railroad station. Most accounts deny Stalin's direct participation, but there seems no doubt of his personal courage in strikes and labour difficulties all over Russia.

HERE COMES AN INTERESTING POINT, the breach which was never healed between Stalin and the "Western Exiles," the small group of Bolshevik leaders who fled to France, England and Switzerland after the failure of the abortive revolution in 1905-06. Stalin stayed in Russia and

with shining eyes and tense, eager muscles, as if they felt that this was Siegfried, their hero, not the little man whom I saw. That seems, by the way, to be true about Hitler when he speaks. His passion and ranting leave foreigners cold, but rouse Germans to frantic emotion.

Hitler once said of himself that he was no genius, no Napoleon, but the drum-major of the German band. He may not say that to-day, may be dreaming indeed of one greater than Napoleon, the peerless Alexander, who conquered the uttermost East and died in his youthful

rally and unite. If that is true, as it may be, it would almost seem to indicate, from a psychological viewpoint, that the aforesaid Russian people might still hanker after that "rubbish of an outworn past."

There is, one cannot forget, another parallel between the careers of Stalin and Hitler. Both of them were hit hard in the years when most men are still tender and apt to be crushed by adversity. Stalin had no ambitious notions in that period of his life, he just went rolling along, fomenting trouble in factories, and causing strikes and annoyances

DO THE DEFECTS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES balance the qualities? It is hard to say, and people may look askance at methods by which loyalty and unity have always been obtained in Asia. Yet Tamerlane died in his bed, after conquests greater than Alexander's, and he was ruthless, too. So it is all baffling to those who believe in the sanctity of human life and in generosity and pity.

Hitler, too, cares for none of these things, but has been thus far successful. In this respect he and Stalin are well matched.

In the eyes of the world, I suppose, the two men differ greatly. Hitler is sometimes pictured as a gambler staking everything on each throw and Stalin as a cunning plotter. I don't believe it is true. Hitler took only one great risk, like Napoleon at the Bridge of Lodi. Outstanding leaders don't really take risks and Napoleon once wrote before his most smashing victory, the Battle of Austerlitz, that his troops would be glad to hear that their leader on this occasion was going to sit behind and pull the strings and not endanger his person. He said that in an "order of the day," then won the most brilliant piece of military chesswork that Europe had seen since Hannibal at Cannae.

Hitler took such a chance in Munich in 1923, when a score of his little band of fanatics were cut by the scythe of bullets and he escaped by only a miracle. Since then he has planned his coups; he is not reckless—the keynote of his success is minute and exact preparation.

HITLER is Germany, which means that he expresses the soul—if they have one—of the German people. I am certain this is true and that, moreover, here is the secret of Hitler's astonishing avatar. There's a Russian folktale about the Invincible Giant who never could be killed because his life was not in his body but somewhere else. And none of his opponents ever found it and so he could not be killed. Until one day the hero of the legend found out where the giant's life was and was able to kill the giant. I think, as the story went, that the giant's life was hidden in the egg of a duck and the boy squashed the egg and thus defeated the giant. But what I am saying is that Hitler's life also is an egg in the body of the German eagle. I mean that his life is their life, that he is not a man like the rest of us but the incarnate projection of Germanism.

Is Stalin the Man of Russia? I think we should pause before a negative answer. The Russians have more tenacity than readers of Dostoevsky or Chekhov may suppose. If you want to know Russia read Pushkin or Tolstoy's "War and Peace." As a nation they are cunning and crafty, behind a mask of exuberance; they are not over-staunch in friendship, but they never forget an enemy. That seems to accord with Stalin, but when one tries to estimate him in relationship to Russia one is immediately thrown back to the old question, Is Russia European or Asiatic? The answer is "both." So, let me put it like this: Stalin represents the Asiatic face of the Russian Janus, but he is not the essence of Russia as Hitler is essence of Germany.—(M. I.)

A comparison of the Austrian who is dictator over the Germans and the Georgian who rules the Russians

By **WALTER DURANTY**

stuck it out and ever afterward despised the "Westerners" as runaways and cowards. Except their leader Lenin.

Raymond Robbins once told me how Stalin sat like a watchdog in the early days at Lenin's door in Petrograd watching every one who came in. Despite the assertions of Trotsky, I believe that Stalin's devotion to Lenin was the compass by which he has always tried to steer. Whereas Hitler "walked by himself," a strange, rather comic-looking figure, not just because of his resemblance to Charlie Chaplin, but because he does look comic.

I SAW HIM ONCE WALK with Goering and the King of Siam through the lobby of the Hotel Adlon in Berlin. Most unimpressive, not much better than the upstart little "gutter-snipe" which Churchill called him. But—and this was a point to be noted—every German in the lobby watched him

prime with no more worlds to conquer. Hitler seems to embody and personify to an almost fantastic degree the hopes and aspirations, the fears and desires of the German people, as if he were not man, but some phantom, the incarnation of Germanism, the creature of a legend—in short, the Pied Piper of Hamelin (who, remember, led rats to destruction).

Stalin has nothing like that. I know, if you read "Pravda" or any Bolshevik newspaper, you will find terms of adoration that only an Oriental potentate would permit and only Oriental minds would conceive.

I'VE BEEN TOLD MORE THAN ONCE in Moscow that Stalin doesn't like it but allows it to go on because he feels himself a symbol, a Central Something, round which the primitive Russian people, accustomed to think in terms of Czars and saints and icons, can

to the gendarmes, and getting himself arrested, and escaping and making trouble again. Then one day they caught him to rights and sent him off to the top of the Urals somewhere, "way off in the heart of the tundra," from which there was no escape.

He stayed there and hunted and fished and kept fit in body and mind. It's likely that he read books and plotted and planned in his crafty Georgian way, and managed through the "underground railroad" of revolutionary communications to keep in touch with the world and his friends in Russia. Whereas Hitler sat in prison and wrote a book.

STALIN'S RISE TO LEADERSHIP is due to perseverance, to lack of pity or scruple, to his skill in playing man against man or both ends against the middle and, as well, to a sense of timing, which any athlete knows is all important. He had also Lenin to follow as a model, who was no insignificant model, or example, or guiding star (though Lenin knew Stalin's weakness and once said of him, as Stalin himself declared, "This man is harsh and ambitious. He may split the party by his harshness and ambition"). As Stalin did indeed—that is, not split the party but "liquidate" it—intraparty opposition (to himself) so thoroughly that about three-quarters of the Central Committee of the Communist party, of the Presidium of Congress, of the Army and Navy leaders, of the Foreign Service diplomats, of the Commissars and heads of government departments, and managers of factories and leaders in every branch of national life, were numbered among the missing, or anyway ceased to function for their own and their country's benefit.

There is a French proverb which says that men have the defects of their qualities. In Stalin's case at least, they have the quality of their defects. This hard, tenacious man, mistrustful, and self-centred, has never for one moment lost sight of the two cardinal factors in Russia's international relations, Eternal vigilance against assault from without and the straining of every nerve at any cost of suffering to equip Russia internally, economically, industrially, for the needs of modern war.

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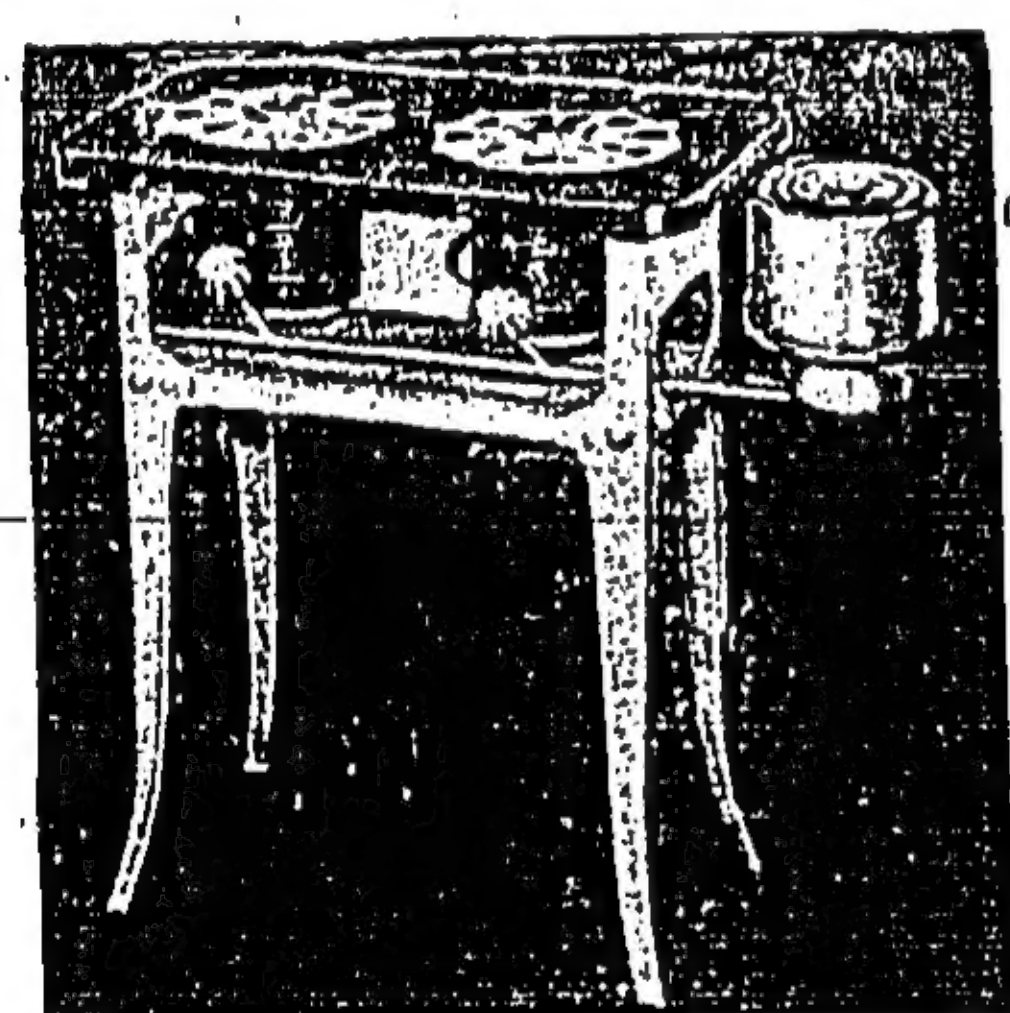
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Curtiss-Wright Men On Strike

CALDWELL, N.J., Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Several hundred employees of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation working in the propeller section of the factory stopped work to-day.

"Our entire production of defence orders exceeding \$100,000,000 is imperilled," a company spokesman said.

APPOINTMENTS

Three appointments are notified in to-day's Government "Gazette."

Mr. A. G. Clark is appointed to be Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, during the absence from Hongkong of Mr. T. Magarity or until further notice, with effect from August 2.

Mr. C. Rogers is appointed to be Economic Adviser to the Government of Hongkong on matters concerning Currency and Exchange Control.

Mr. T. Black has resumed duty as Commissioner of War Taxation, with effect from August 1.



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EDUCATION PLAN

IT will be very interesting to read in 1951 this extract from Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council:

"The most urgent development required is the extension of Government provision for Chinese primary education, especially for the children of the poorer classes; this should take two forms, the provision of new Government schools and more generous subsidies to private schools. For the former a ten-year plan has been drawn up and approved by the Board of Education, providing ultimately for 50 schools (20 urban to accommodate about 7,200 children, and 30 small rural schools to accommodate from 2,500 to 3,000). For the latter a new subsidy code has been prepared and approved by the Board of Education and the Hongkong Government. The plan for Government rural schools includes a new teachers' training college for rural school teachers.

"Another development of almost equal urgency is the provision of playgrounds for schools in the urban districts. A list of areas in which playgrounds are required has been prepared and submitted to the Town Planner.

Instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies were published the same day from London via "British Wireless." The Secretary of State recommends reduced spending on non-essential items, the accumulation of resources for improving the standards of poor populations and the continuation of economic developments. The economic needs of war require that efforts much more greatly commensurate with those now being made in this country be made by all inhabitants of the Colonies. Empire war enjoy a comparatively high standard of life. The imperative duty however, is to do all practically possible to raise the standard of living of large colonial populations whose standard of living is so low that this policy cannot and should not be applied to them even in war-time."

A comparison of these two quotations shows that the Hongkong Government have, on paper, entered into the spirit of Britain's general policy to assure greater security and comfort to the poor in her many possessions, but it will be obvious at once that the provision of fifty schools in ten years or even "ultimately"—with their large staffs, buildings and equipment will take education far ahead of other conditions in hand with better houses and more of them, elimination of epidemics and tuberculosis, cleaning up of mendicants, street sleepers and gangsters, the cultivation of food in the New Territories, etc.

In raising the standard of education in Hongkong on the scale anticipated by the Government this Colony will be helping itself as well as China—for many Chinese will find no outlet for their greater knowledge in Hongkong and will have to seek opportunities in other Colonies or in their own motherland. However, the sense of proportion must be preserved and it would be a cruel kindness that could devote enormous expenditure to filling the minds of children with book knowledge while misery, starvation and vice remained unchecked.

Japan Will Not Be Restrained

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times. The paper pleads for calling a halt to consider further possibilities of coming to an understanding though it would be only temporary.

"Since simultaneous action cannot be expected we believe that the United States could well afford to demonstrate her desire for an amicable solution of the problems confronting the two Powers by, for instance, suspending moves guaranteeing Japan sufficient oil for her peacetime requirements. If Japan does not in return give evidence of her willingness to pursue a policy of mutual concession and goodwill, then America can shape her course accordingly," the journal adds.

Thailand Easier
BANGKOK, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—"A little better" is how a diplomatic quarter guardedly describes the Japanese-Thailand situation over the last few hours.

They are of the opinion that the statements of Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Anthony Eden have encouraged the Japanese to a sense of suspense. Provided the slight improvement in the situation is maintained, they believe that it might not be too rash to hope that this storm will blow over in the same way as the recent Netherlands East Indies storm though the two are not exactly parallel.

Will Fight To End
BANGKOK, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Thais will fight to the last drop of their blood to preserve their national independence whichever direction an attack may come from, said a prominent member of the Cabinet, Luang Vichit Vithakarn, in an interview given to the Thai press.

He declared that the Government were determined to maintain strict neutrality.

What the Thai press thinks of the utterances of Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Anthony Eden regarding the Japanese-Thailand crisis can be gauged from the fact that the majority of the Thai morning papers lit up the statements with front page streamers.

Evacuates From Saigon
SAIGON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The liner Murechal Joffre left to-day for Manila carrying 35 American evacuees, principally missionaries.

Permanent Garrison
SAIGON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—It is understood that two-thirds of the agreed Japanese occupation forces have already arrived and that the remainder are due inside a week.

The Japanese are arranging to establish a permanent efficient landing base at Saigon.

Canadian Precautions
OTTAWA, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—All necessary precautions were being taken on the Canadian Pacific coast in view of the Far Eastern situation, Colonel J. L. Ralston, Minister of Defence, declared to-day.

The Sixth Canadian Division of the active army was now being mobilised.

Nazi Cities Attacked Soviets Raid Berlin?

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Radio Moscow announced that Soviet air force attacked military targets in several districts of Berlin last night where explosions and fires were observed. All Soviet planes returned safely.

Mysterious Planes
NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (UP).—It is reported that mysterious "enemy" planes bombed Berlin on Thursday night. Circumstantial evidence indicated that they might have been Russian and not British.

If Russian, it would be the first Russian air-raid on Germany proper—the first blow to Berlin in retaliation for the repeated attacks on Moscow.

The R.A.F. was over western Germany during the night but the Air Ministry when told that the Germans had acknowledged an attack on Berlin replied, "No R.A.F. planes attacked Berlin last night."

Rough Weather Defied
LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Rough weather over the North Sea was again no defence to German cities when aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked in force last night, says the Air Ministry.

Storm clouds broke up over western Germany and the armament works at Essen were seen clearly in the moonlight.

Crews reported big fires and into the flames went an exceptional number of the most powerful high explosive bombs. Returning, the crews saw from far away a glow in the eastern sky which meant that the destruction of German war industries was still going on long after the bombers had left.

Railways Hit
At Hamm, railway yards, the eastern outlet of the Ruhr, were hit and there were huge fires among industrial buildings in the town. Dortmund an important railway yard was hit again and again, and elsewhere there was much damage to industrial buildings.

In all, it was a successful attack on a city famous for its foundries, collieries and machine works.

During the night's work, some of the British bombers found German shipping to attack. In brilliant moonlight, one bomber got in two direct hits from about 1,000 feet on a fairly large two-funnel merchant ship. The ship blazed furiously. Another ship was hit and seen to be listing.

DARDANELLES PRECAUTION

ANKARA, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The Turkish Government are to widen the scope of the law providing for a state of siege in the area of the Dardanelles and Turkish Thrace.

A special Court Martial is established in Ankara to deal with cases of treason and spy.

Weygand-Darlan Tug Of War Not Settled

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The report that General Weygand is coming to Vichy is regarded, according to neutral sources in London, as the direct consequence of both the critical stage reached in the Franco-German negotiations over the defence of the French Empire and also of the decree subordinating Weygand to Darlan.

This decree was Darlan's reply to advocates of the "wait and see" policy who had pinned their faith in General Weygand—a reply possibly dictated by the Germans who mistrust France's strong man in North Africa.

The strength of General Weygand's position lies in the fact that he is a much more popular figure in France than Admiral Darlan and is also practically an autocrat in North Africa, where Darlan is only a name.

General Weygand's visit to Vichy leads to disagreements between him and Darlan, it will not be the first time that Weygand has put a brake on the impetuosity of Darlan's surrender policy.

It is pointed out that the French community in North Africa do not want to see their territory delivered to Germany and relations with the United States finally compromised.

Triumvirate
VICHY, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—General Weygand arrived here by air from Paris this evening and immediately joined Marshal Petain at dinner.

Admiral Darlan, who has been in Paris for two days, is also expected to return to-night.

New Powers For Petain
VICHY, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Powers somewhat similar to those held by the President of the United States are suggested for the head of the French state—at present Marshal Petain—under the new constitution now being considered.

These are increased powers for the head of the state and a reformed electoral system with wider suffrage. Ministers would be chosen by the head of the state and the head of the state would be automatically Prime Minister and hold office for a long term with the possibility of being eligible for further terms.

The Commission drafting the new constitution proposes an extension of the franchise to women, states the Vichy news agency.

Nazi Tank Division Wiped Out

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progress in a southeasterly direction from Byala-Pisrev and are following the south side of the River Dnieper (its right bank) past Kiev.

They are faced with obstacles in any attempt to cross the river but may follow its course round towards the Black Sea in the hope of encircling Odessa and the inland towns of Nikoliev, and if they succeed, could cut off those places from the north.

The direction of their thrust may alter, however, if they meet unexpected resistance.

The direct railway line between Kiev and Odessa has already been reported cut by the enemy advance but other railway communications between the two places are still not affected.

Elsewhere on the Russian front there was little change to-day.

Nazi Break Through
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Stockholms Tidningen" in Berlin reports that the Germans have broken through the Russian front at Jelnya, 60 miles southeast of Smolensk.

He also reports from Berlin that German troops are now advancing between Pripus and Tallinn to the Gulf of Finland.

The correspondent in Berlin of "Dagens Nyheter" says that though it is claimed in Berlin that a big wedge has been driven to the southwest of the Russian front between the Dnieper and Dniester, the public are warned not to expect an encirclement of the Odessa region for some weeks. They are reminded of the time that the encirclement of Smolensk took.

In Finland
A Swedish correspondent in Finland reports that the Finns have reached Sojkanvuu. On other fronts the Finns are consolidating.

The activity of the Russians at Hangoe is shown by the occupation of two Finnish islands.

War Summary
NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (UP).—Germany's drive on the rich agricultural and industrial regions of the Russian Ukraine appeared to be gaining momentum to-day. British sources believed that the High Command regarded the occupation of Uman, a large and important railway junction and regional centre 155 miles north of Odessa, 80 miles south of Byala-Pisrev and 120 miles south of Kiev.

The British reported that the Germans are moving south along the right bank of the Dnieper river towards Odessa and Nikoliev which is 70 miles northeast. It is believed that the terrain is advantageous and doubted that the Russians would be able to establish new strong lines to protect the Black Sea coast if the Nazis reach the sea.

High Command Claims
LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The German High Command claims further Ukrainian successes, declaring that the Soviet Sixth and Twelfth Armies and part of the Eighteenth Army division had been destroyed.

The Germans also claim the capture of 103,000 prisoners and 217 tanks and say that the Soviets lost 200,000 men.

Polish Mission In Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—A Polish Mission has arrived here headed by the famous General Bohusz Szyko.

OUR MIDDLE EAST FORCES

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prove Hitler's downfall and which may be opened up beyond the strict confines of Europe itself.

Choice of Attack
A glance at the map shows how, if Hitler succeeds in penetrating deeply into Russia, the Allied armies would menace his flank whilst if Hitler is beaten back from Russia, the Middle Eastern troops would have the choice of directions in which they could safely forth and help convert a second retreat from Moscow into a disaster more crippling than that of 1812.

U. S. ALL-OUT TAXATION FOR DEFENCE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—In a statement to the Senate Finance Committee to-day, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the United States Treasury, advocated an "all-out tax programme for defence."

He asked Congress to tax millions of additional persons with small incomes by cutting persons of high income tax exemptions and to increase the taxes on married couples, corporations and others.

DUCE FOLLOWS SON'S BIER

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—A wreath bearing the words "From your Father" lay on the coffin of Bruno Mussolini to-day as it was borne on the shoulders of a group of officers through the crowded streets of Foll where Mussolini has his country home.

People showered flowers on the bier as it passed, followed by Mussolini and his wife Donna Rachele.

The burial will take place to-morrow in the family grave at San Cassiano Cemetery at Predappio.

G. W. Cooper has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Trouble-Maker In India

SIMLA, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The Fakir of Ipi, the notorious trouble-maker on the North West Frontier of India, is believed to have left Khawar near the Durand Line and to have moved southwards about 20 miles northwest of Razmak.

Discontent among his followers is said to be increasing. His inability to provide supplies and ammunition is apparently having a bad effect on his prestige.

The failure of the Germans to carry out their forecasts of an early and decisive victory against Russia is being realised among the tribes, according to reports reaching here, and Germany's claims to invincibility are being ridiculed by them.

BRITISH SHIP DAMAGED

LONDON, Aug. 8 (UP).—The Ministry of Information announced to-day that the liner George has been damaged by enemy action but the crew is safe. There were no troops aboard.

Western Desert Activity

CAIRO, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—To-day's Middle East communiqué briefly states: "In Libya our patrols in the desert are still active and dispersed small parties of enemy transport."

LATE NEWS

Chungking Denies Military Pact

CHUNGKING, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Persistent Japanese reports of a Chinese-British Military agreement were denied in well-informed quarters here to-day. The reports have probably arisen from Chinese military preparations along the borders of Kwangsi and Yunnan which have been going on since the Japanese occupation of northern Indo-China, which is regarded as a threat to China's southwest provinces.

It is pointed out that the presence of high Chinese military leaders in Yunnan is for the purpose of supervising defence arrangements and the destruction of roads near the frontier where Chinese forces are ready to meet any eventuality. Complete understanding, it is stated, exists between the Central Government and the Yunnan Provincial Authorities regarding defence arrangements.

Bombs On Famous Moscow Building

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Aug. 8 (UP).—It is revealed that German raiders on a recent night bombed the Library of the Academy of Sciences, one of Moscow's famous landmarks.

A shower of incendiary bombs hit and set fire to the priceless collection of 3,000,000 books. Sixteen employees including the Librarian, aged 61, nine women and two boys extinguished the blaze. Not a single book was burned.

Spain May Act In French Morocco

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 8 (UP).—A Moroccan report reaching London to-day states that leave for all Spanish officers and soldiers in Spanish Morocco has been cancelled, since midnight on Tuesday, leading to the belief in certain quarters that a Spanish move southward on French Morocco is not impossible.

Evacuation Of Canal Zone

CAIRO, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—Numbers of evacuees from Alexandria and the Suez Canal Zone passed through Cairo to-day and yesterday in special trains bound for Upper Egypt.

The people's restaurants here are serving 8,000 meals a day for evacuees from the raided areas.

Roosevelt Has An "Uneventful Trip"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (Reuter).—The President is having an "uneventful trip" says to-day's dispatch from the yacht *Folema*.

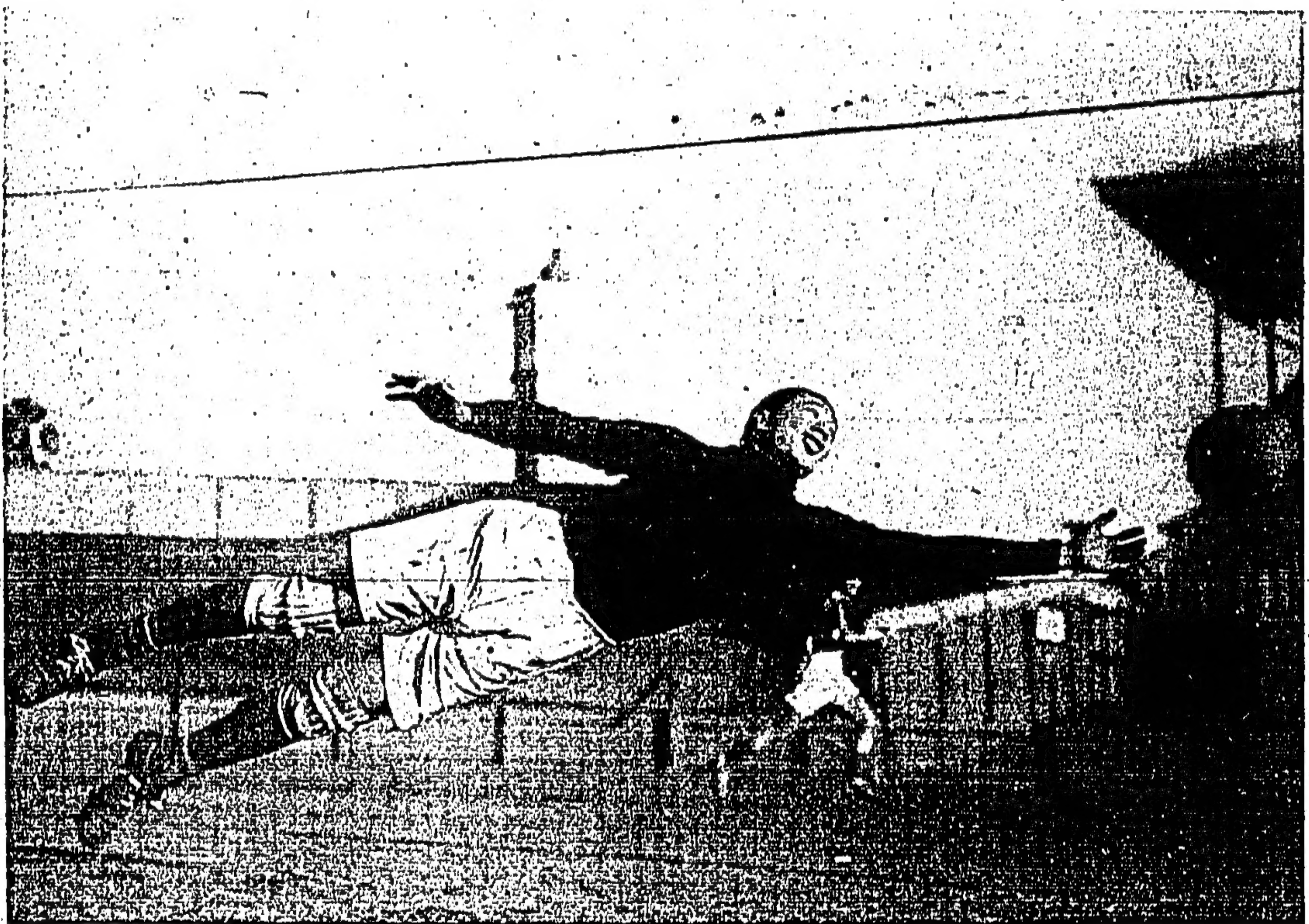
The President is described as having spent most of to-day working on official papers.

The message said that the "cruise was uneventful. Weather conditions are fair."

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HONGKONG FOOTBALLERS ON TOUR

The Eastern Athletic Association's football team has just concluded a highly successful tour of Australia. Fourteen games were played, including five Test matches, of which the Hongkong team won ten and lost four. So well did the Chinese players acquit themselves that several of their number were invited to remain in Australia and play for certain clubs in the Dominion. Latest reports state, however, that the entire team is returning to Hongkong. The fine action pictures appearing on this page have just been received. Top left picture depicts an exciting moment in front of the Australian goal during the third Test. The goalkeeper has just beaten V. K. Hyui to the ball, and is about to kick clear. Cheung Wing-choi, the Chinese custodian, is seen in the centre left in a characteristic position. In the lower right picture, Fung King-cheung is being marked by one of the Australian forwards. Lower left, Chinese newsboys in Sydney sell Sunday papers to members of the Chinese team. Seen in the picture are Cheung Kam-hoi, Kui Wing-fook, Lai Shiu-wing, Cheung Wing-choi, Lee Tin-sang and Fung King-cheung.



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She's the new DEANNA DURBIN

Now that Deanna Durbin is —and two bad little boys, Butch married and has positively asserted that her career comes part of a Crazy Gang.

In "Remember," now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra, King's Theatre to-morrow in "A Little Bit of Heaven," should prove to be a very fine successor.

Gloria should satisfy the public's craving for something essentially young, fresh and untouched by the world—the craving Deanna satisfied before, in the natural course of events, before she grew up, became Miss Durbin and fell in love with Vaughn Paul.

Gloria looks about nine, is about 13, has a sweet singing voice, childishly uneven teeth, a saucy nose that wrinkles agreeably and eyes that practically close when she laughs.

And, moreover, she has Joe Pasternak, the man who made Deanna Durbin a star, to produce her.

No little girl in the film business should need more than that.

The picture is Cinderella-like, one about an East Side child with a voice whose vocal talents are discovered by a "man-in-the-street" broadcaster.

She becomes a radio sensation—and the entire family (except the child and Grandpa Aubrey Smith) suffer badly from a sudden rush of wealth to the head. Child's sister (Nan Grey) feels altogether too inclined to associate with her boy friend (Robert Stack)—and so on, gathering manias.

So, for the sake of the family's soul, the child pretends she has lost her voice. Things straighten themselves out, sister and boy friend are reunited, and the child does, of course, recover her voice and stars sequence in this mammoth production is being directed by Herbert Wilcox. Alfred Hitchcock will take over the second sequence, with cast including such old favourites as Eugene Pallette, Stuart Erkin, and Robert Stevenson to win, Frank Jenks and Billy Gilbert follow.

Robert Taylor, just returned from holiday, has whisked the newly-advanced Greer Garson from under the nose of their introducer, Lew Ayres. Marriage having been followed by divorce, Mr Taylor is eating his heart out for love of his ex-wife, when the displaced Mr Ayres, still the firm friend of both, does them with a drug that causes forgetfulness of anything nearer than six months back.

What he does not know is how long this loss of memory persist, nor what is the antidote. Imagine his feelings when the episode of "Miss Garson's and Mr Taylor's love at first sight repeats itself in exact terms. The lady recovers first, with amusing results, when she makes an interesting announcement to her married husband, still under the influence.

On the whole a merry show, thanks to spirited comedy by the principals and a company that includes Billie Burke as one of those who are not to be trifled with.



Gloria Joan, Child Star

Stars will include Anna Neagle, but he was more than surprised at Ronald Colman, Cary Grant, Anna Lee, Freddie Bartholomew, Brian Aherne, Errol Flynn, John Leder, Wendy Barrie, Maureen O'Hara, Joan Fontaine, Louis Hayward, Charles Laughton, Ray Milland and possibly Charlie Chaplin.

Production, under the aegis of Sir Cedric Hardwicke, is expected to be completed in September.

Broun's smash hit musical "Louisiana Purchase," is being made with Bob Hope, Vera Zorina, Victor Moore and Irene Bordoni heading the cast.

You have heard that Hollywood is a land of make-believe, and so it is in one sense of the word. Then you should know, too, that there are those in it who would bend over backwards for the sake of realism. One such person is Mervyn LeRoy, of any film.



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NEW LOW FOR S'HAH DOLLAR

Shanghai, Aug. 8.
Already beset by anxiety over the grave Far East situation, Shanghai residents had a new vice to-day when the dollar slumped to a new low.

At the opening the rate was 3 1-64d but it steadily dropped throughout the day and closed at 2 7-8.

Banks were not willing to sell sterling owing to lack of cover—Reuters.

In Hongkong the national currency yesterday touched its lowest point at 15.30 i.e. 11K.515.30 for every N.C.\$100, and the market closed in the afternoon at 15.4075.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Beside the Sea

BY KEMP STARRETT



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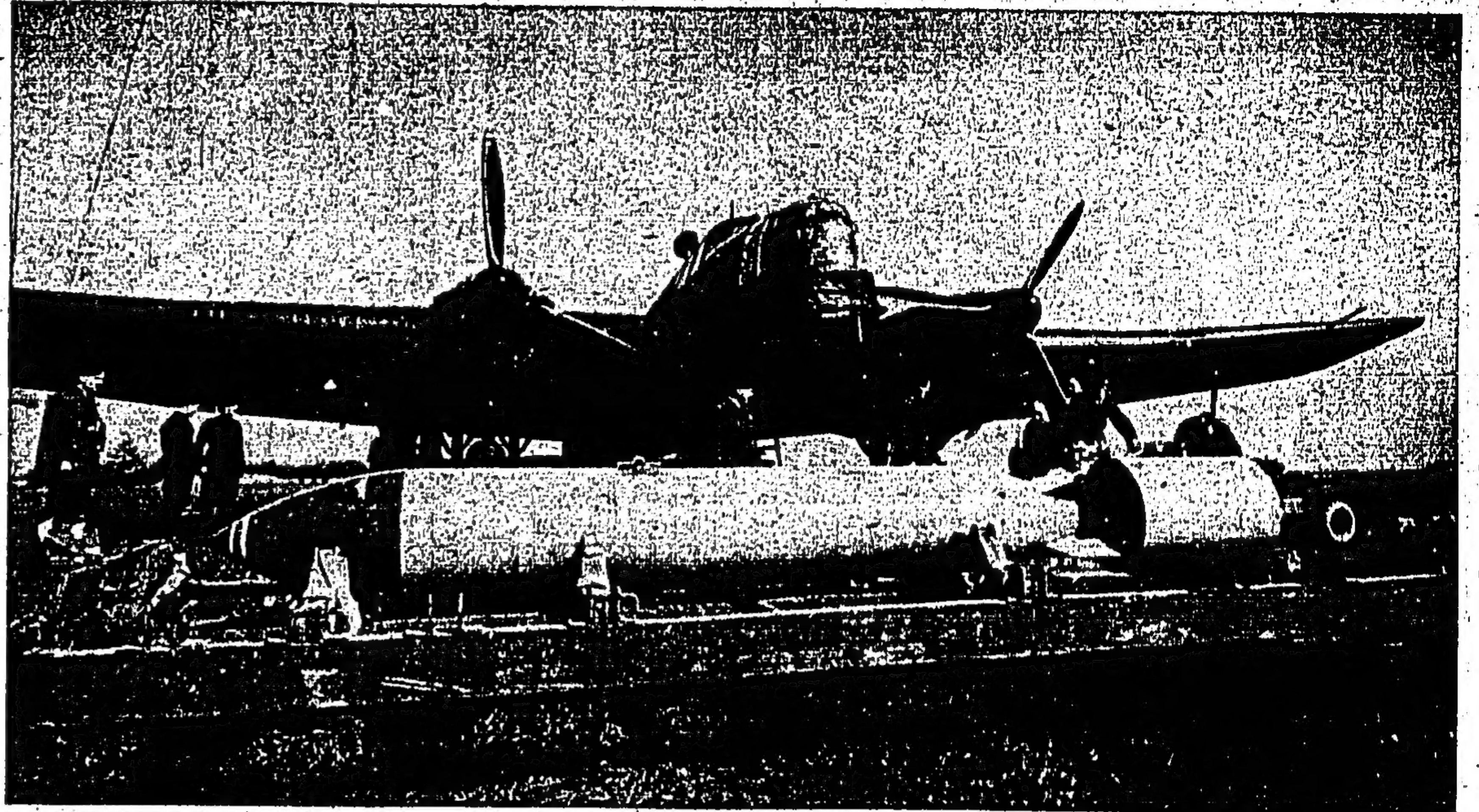
AND BESIDE THE SEA YOU'LL FIND THE FOLKS WHO GO THERE FOR FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE.

Hongkong Telegraph.

PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT
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THE PRINCESSES—Latest portrait of Their Royal Highnesses, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. They are soon painting in their schoolroom at their wartime home outside London. (Photo: Studio Lisa).



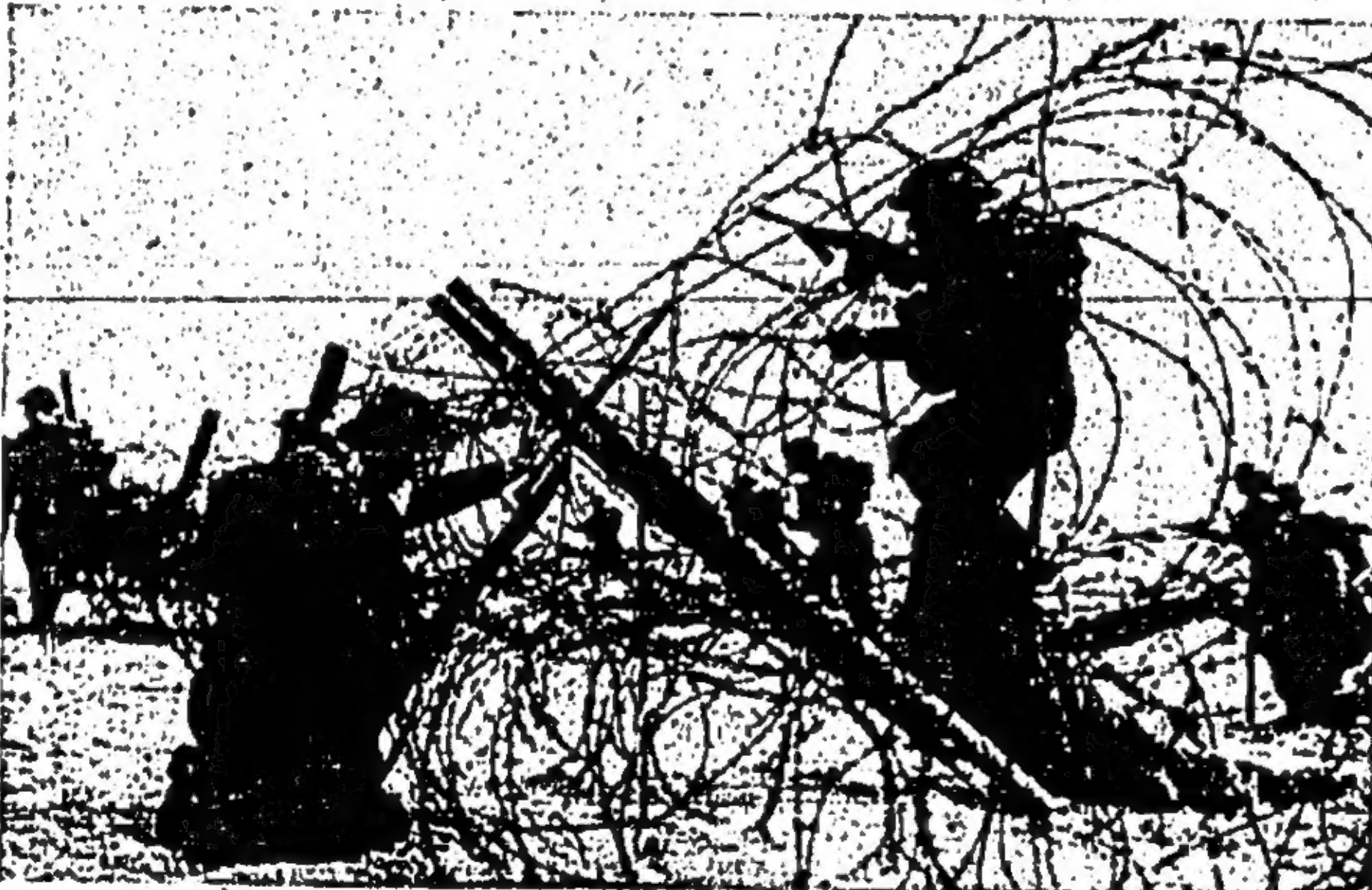
BIGGER AND BETTER—Lord Beaverbrook's "Boys in the Back Room" have produced, among other new and powerful bombs, this 2,000 lb. giant, which is seen being loaded on to a Whitley heavy bomber for "disposal" on enemy military objectives.



IN BONNIE SCOTLAND—Troops in Scotland have the advantage of training amid the delightful surroundings of that picturesque country. Light refreshment for the crew of this Bren-gun carrier is provided by two cheery lassies during divisional exercises.



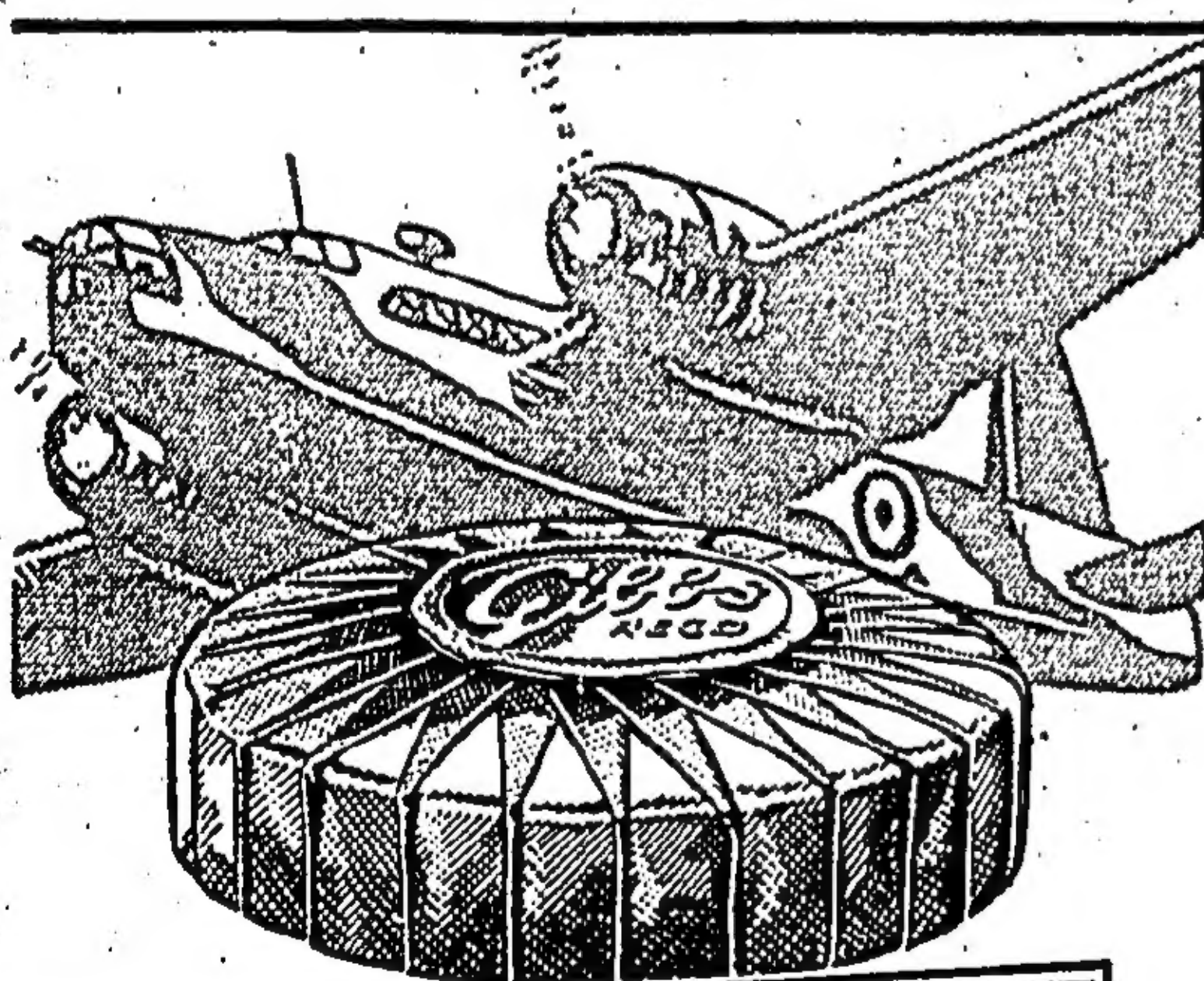
WHERE PRECISION COUNTS—An expert machinist in a Canadian gun plant grinding a gear, one of the 1,287 parts which go into a field gun. This operation requires the highest degree of precision.



TRAINING FOR OFFENSIVE—Britain's army is now training for an offensive on the Continent, and vigorous exercises are carried out to fit them for the task, which will be undertaken at the appropriate time. Here men practise getting over barbed wire defences by means of a ladder.



EMULATES BETSY ROSS—Mrs. Robert Ross, of Bermuda, with Free French sailors and the flag she stitched for the seamen during their visit recently to the island's United Services Club. The flag serves as the De Gaulle emblem.



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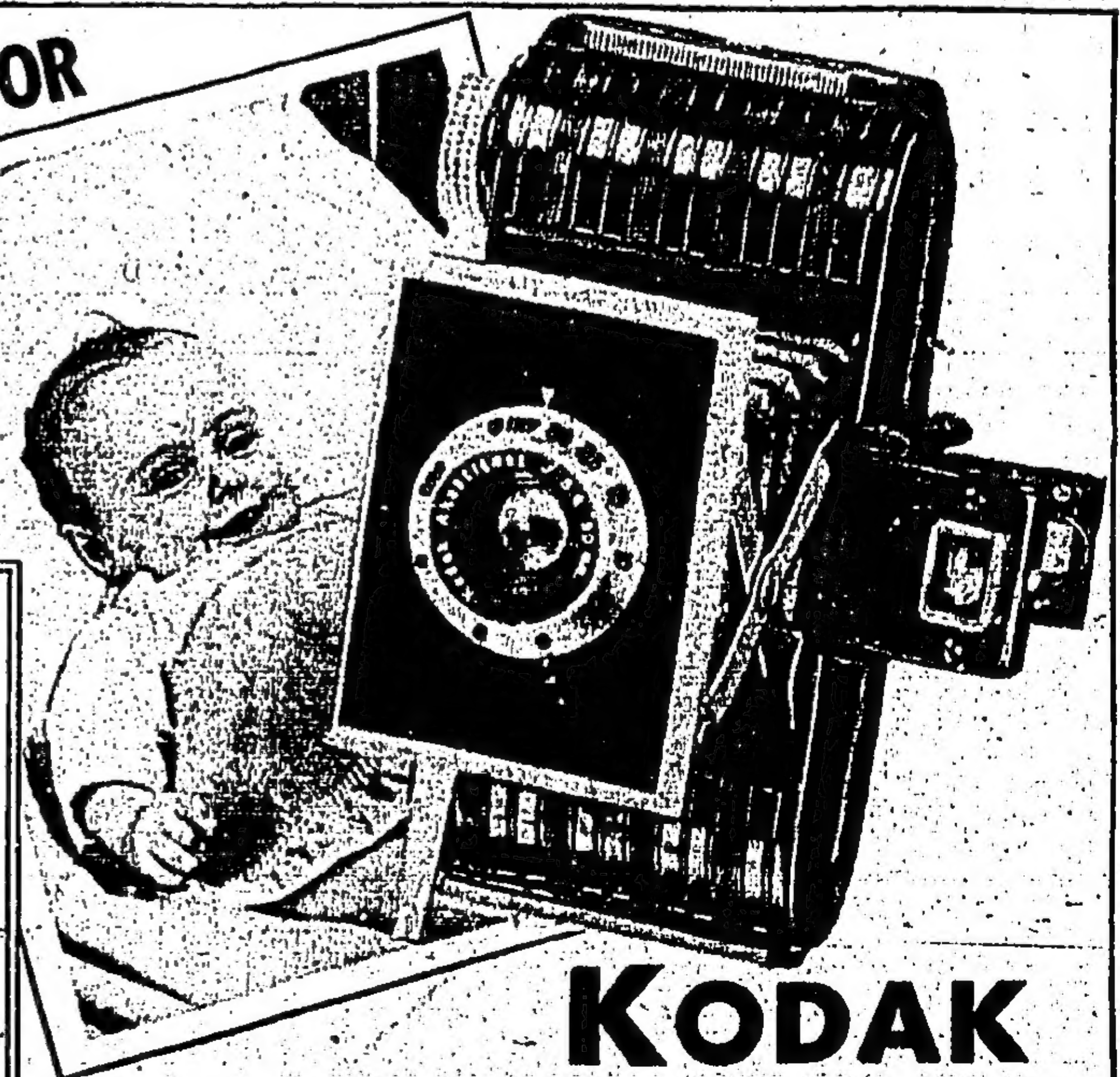
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WEDDING BELLS—Photograph of Mr and Mrs Wan Kwai-yun, who were married last week. The bride was formerly Miss Yee Lai-chan.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS—Above is a new portrait of Mr Tung Chung-wai, who has been elected Chairman for the current year of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. The Vice-Chairman, Mr Kwok Chan, is seen below. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



POPULAR COUPLE WED—Another Chinese wedding of interest last week was between Mr Z. S. Tsai and Miss Diana Wu, who are seen above.



TEACHERS' DISCUSSION GROUP—Mr Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan (centre front row) with Chinese teachers whom he addressed at their recent Summer Discussion Circle held on Monday at St Paul's Girls' College. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP—Members of St Paul's Fellowship of St Paul's Church photographed with the Pastor, the Rev. S. F. Tao, at a recent meeting. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

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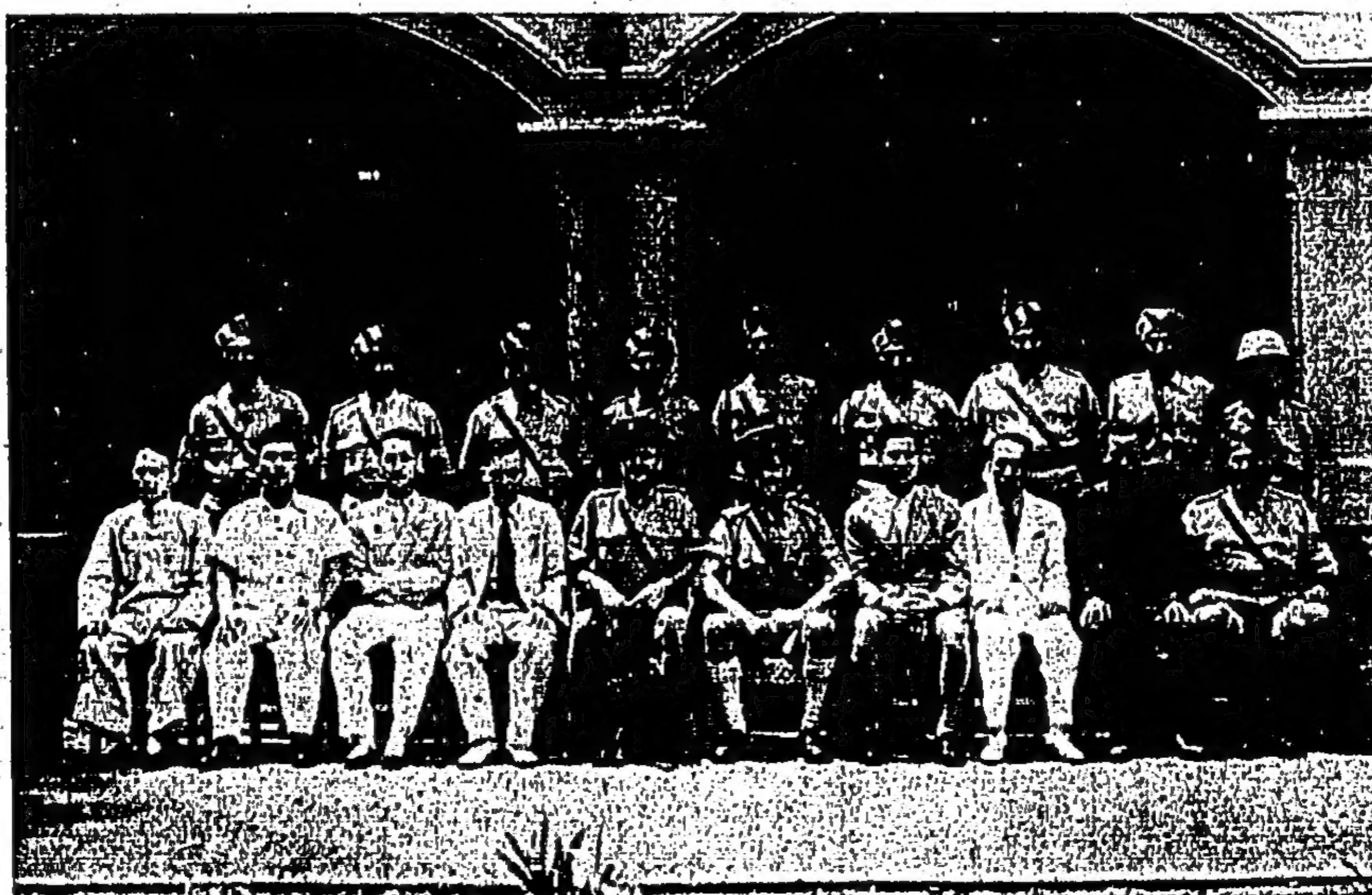
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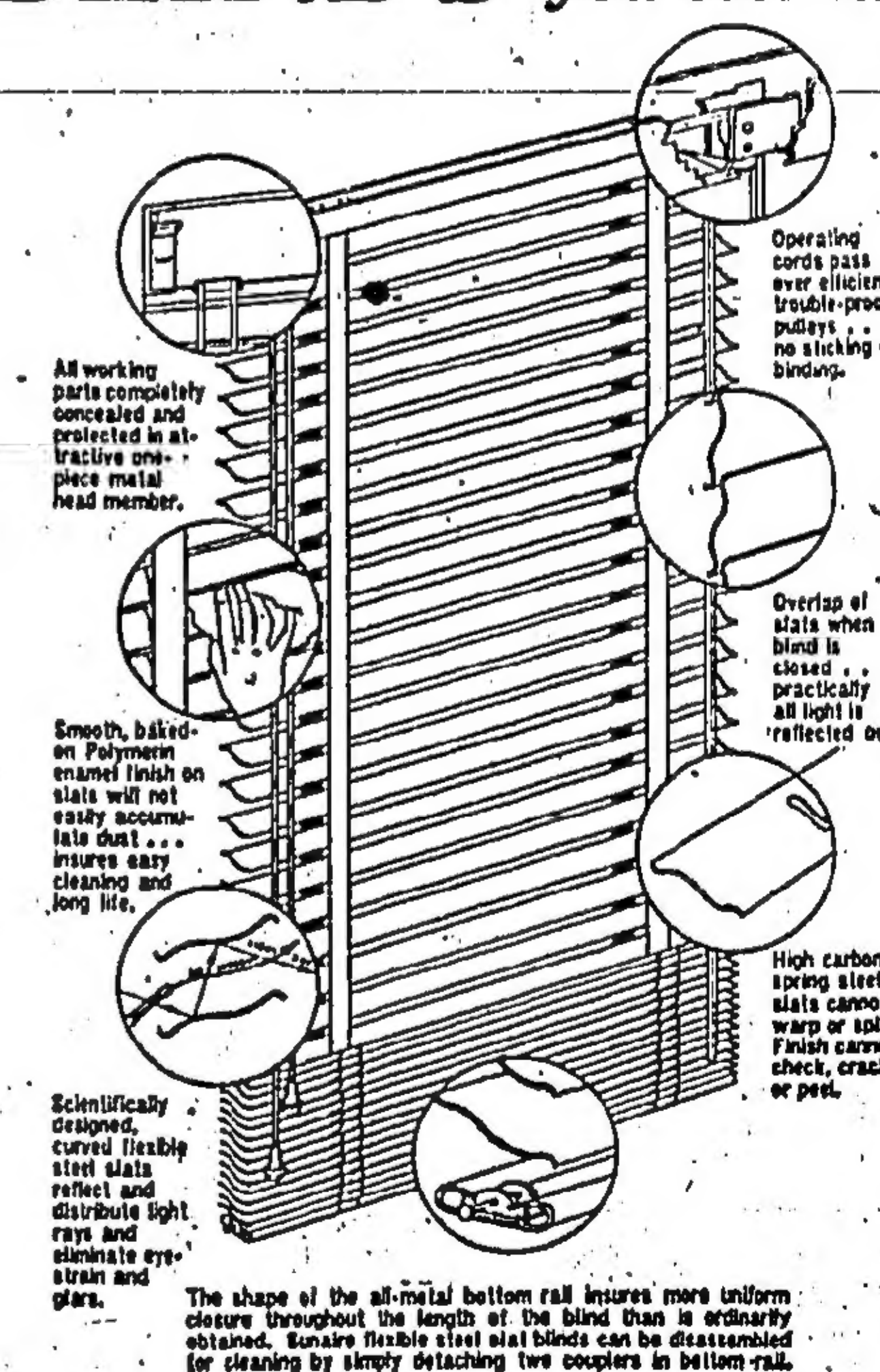
ST TERESA WEDDING—The wedding of Mr Harry Woo and Miss Anna Tsao took place at St Teresa's Church, Kowloon, last Saturday. This picture was taken at the reception. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



FAREWELL TO POLICE OFFICER—Sergeant W. S. McHardy (fifth from left) photographed with the staff of Sheung Shui Police Station, of which he has been Officer-in-Charge, upon his transfer to Upper Levels. (Photo: Pin Pin Studio).

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De Gaulle's Book of Prophecy

"The Army of the Future," by Gen. Charles de Gaulle. Foreword by Walter Millis, J. B. Lippincott, \$2.

Of all the people in France, to Gen. Charles de Gaulle, now the leader of the Free French forces, the sweep of the German army across his country last year must have been most galling. Seven years before, Gen. de Gaulle, then a mere captain, had clearly foreseen the coming of mobile warfare in armoured vehicles, and its consequences. He wrote about it in a brief book, "The Army of the Future."

In general, it carried forward the theories of Gen. Guderian on tank warfare. Germany followed those theories (Gen. Guderian has been tank expert No. 1 in the Wehrmacht), while France did not. France's defeat was not so simple as that, of course, but sticking to an old-fashioned army was an element in it. "The Army of the Future" has now been translated into English, and makes very good reading. Gen. de Gaulle outlines the panzer division in clearer and more striking language than any other military writer. In only one important particular is the armoured division today different from the force he advocated seven years ago—he thought it should have about 15,000 men. Experience has shown that 10,000 men make a more mobile armoured division.

Particularly striking: six panzer divisions only were used by the Nazis in humbling the French army. Six such divisions was the number advocated for France by the captain whom the French army hierarchy ignored.—Leonard Engel.

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"Japan and the Third Powers"

by Professor Shuhsi Hsu. Published by Kelly & Walsh.

Four volumes of this work have recently been received and read. They contain a chronological record of incidents in which the Japanese and foreign Powers have clashed during the Sino-Japanese war and they have therefore a special value in that they preserve permanently in a convenient form a list of the sensational happenings which have only so far been ventilated, mostly incompletely, in the press, and which have in many cases not been settled satisfactorily.

The fact that the recital of the "incidents," as they are universally called, almost always leans heavily against the Japanese cannot be accounted for on the ground that the author of the volumes is a Chinese. His facts are too well authenticated to be dismissed thus lightly. In fact, the only criticism that this reviewer could make was that the incidents were not always followed up as far as they could be and that many of them were unrecorded altogether.

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

- Who was the first King of England?
- Latakia is a (a) town in Peru (b) kind of tobacco (c) white wine.
- Which regiments are known as the (a) Buffs (b) Blues?
- If you suffer from agoraphobia, you are frightened of—dogs, cats, climbing ladders, open spaces, riding in trains.
- Is quicksilver the popular name for lead, zinc or mercury?
- Which of these words are misspelt?—Zeppelin, scimmage, oscillates, permanent, scabard.
- What names complete these phrases?—As wise as—, as strong as—, as rich as—, as old as—.
- Peanuts grow (a) in water (b) on trees (c) on shrubs (d) underground.
- The Minotaur was a monster of Greek mythology in Crete. It was slain by (a) Perseus (b) Theseus (c) St George (d) Hector (e) Achilles.
- Who said, "O liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!"?

Answers on Page 12

WEEK-END WIT

COINCIDENCE

At a certain convalescent hospital for naval officers there was a particularly pretty nurse.

One after another of the officers invited her out to dinner—only to be told by the matron, a very strict individual, that the rules of the hospital would not allow this.

One day, however, a new patient who had made the usual invitation, and had received the same answer, said to the matron.

"How very unfortunate, as I happen to be her brother."

"How very unfortunate indeed," replied the matron, "as I happen to be her mother."

THE HAPPY MAN

"And so Betty is married at last! Who is the happy man?"

"Her father."

AND HE WONDERED!

He: "I'll be utterly writhed when my leave is up and I have to go back."

She: "Oh, darling! If I felt quite sure of that I'd be terribly happy."

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Sacrifice Bidding

"DEAR Mrs Culbertson: The following hand recently was played in a friendly game of ordinary contract bridge. The question arose as to whether or not the final bid was a legitimate sacrifice or a long gamble to save game. This was the hand:

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ J9632
♥ Q7
♦ K10643
♣ A2

♠ Q8
♥ 107532
♦ 1084
♣ J96

♠ A10754
♥ AK64
♦ AQ
♣ 87

West opened the bidding with four diamonds, North passed, East passed, and South, not wanting to be shut out of a possible game, bid four spades. West then bid five diamonds and North bid five spades.

East and South passed, and West then bid six diamonds, North passed, East passed, and South doubled. The contract was set for tricks.

"South believed that West's bidding was entirely too reckless in view of the hand he (South) held, the support given him by North, and the fact that East continually passed—and, therefore, could not reasonably have been expected to hold any of the missing aces or kings. "We would appreciate your opinion regarding the proper time to use a sacrifice and if it was warranted in the hand above. P.P.I., New York."

West's opening bid was not too bad, but his later bidding was far from admirable. For that matter, I do not thoroughly approve South's four spade bid; it was somewhat too dangerous for my taste. Holding South's hand I would use the "optional" double. Admittedly, this

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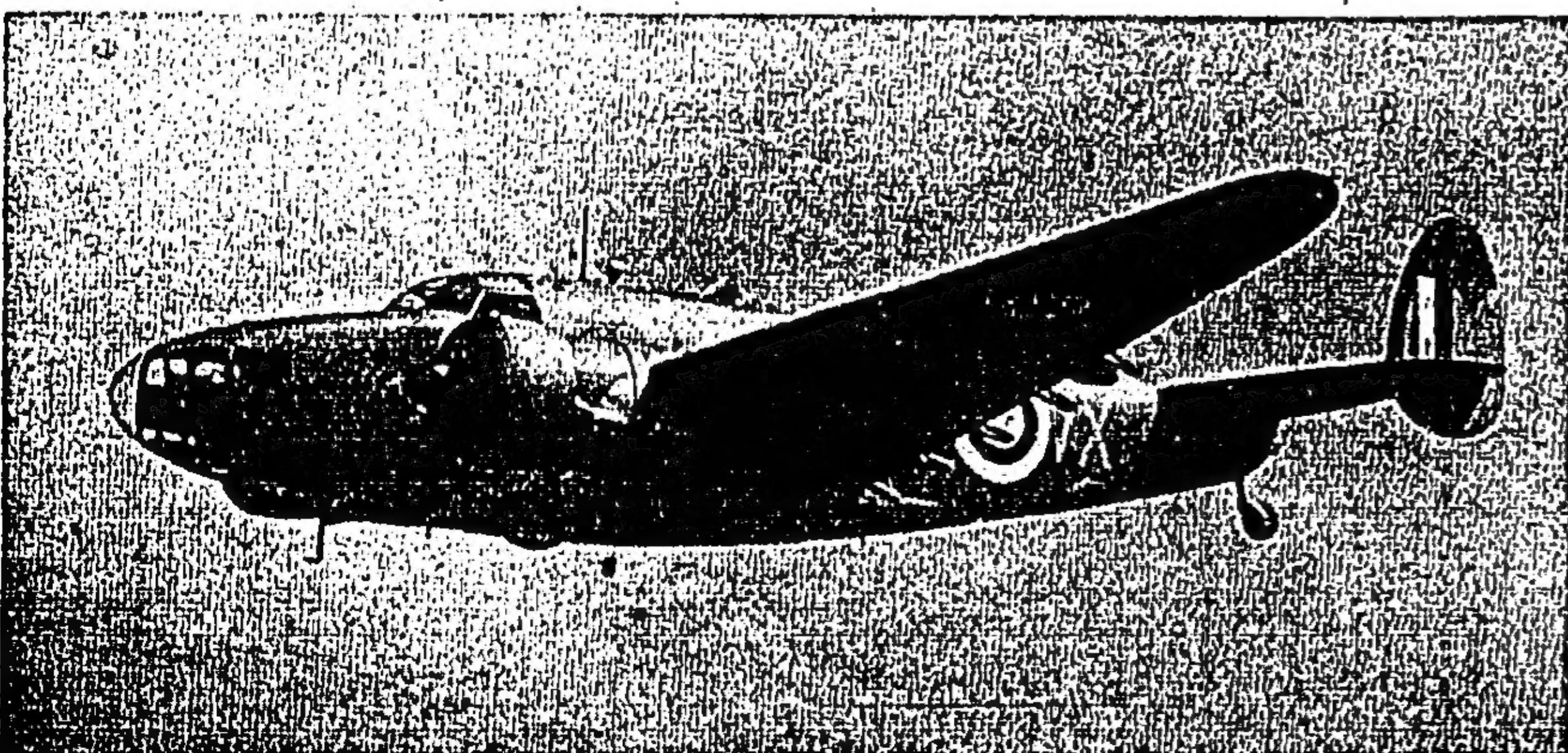
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LIAM

Actor:—"When I stand on the stage I see nothing, and am conscious of nothing but the role I am playing. The audience disappears entirely!"

Listener:—"I can't blame the audience much for that!"

SHE'S GOOD

"Are you a good typist?"
"O yes, I go to church every Sunday."

STEADY BOY

Prospective Employer: "Tell me, is the boy steady?"
Late Employer: "Steady? If he was any steadier he'd be motionless!"

KEEN PATRIOT

A keen patriot, not content with digging for victory, also keeps a cow in his little paddock. "Is it worth it?" a friend asked.
"Oh, yes," he said. "I sell what we don't drink ourselves."
"How much milk does your cow give?"
"About nine quarts a day."
"And how much do you sell?"
"Oh," he replied, "about twelve quarts a day."

POOR ADOLF!

Hitler once visited a lunatic asylum. As he walked down the line each lunatic gave the Nazi salute and shouted: "Heil, Hitler!"
The last man stood stolidly to attention.
"Why don't you salute me?" demanded the Fuehrer.
"Your Excellency is making a mistake," came the reply. "I am the keeper."

CLASS

The two rather down-at-heel actors were enjoying a glass of beer together.
"And what sort of audience did you have last night, old chap?" asked one.
"Oh, classy, liddle, classy audience," drawled the other. "They were throwing fruit out of season."

FRANK BUT BUSINESSLIKE
A middle-aged gentleman walked into the ladies' underwear department of a large store and asked the young lady assistant if she would help him choose a present for his wife's birthday.
"Certainly, sir," replied the shop assistant. "We've some very pretty things in cami-knickers. Would you like to see them?"
"Yes, sure, but let's get my wife's present settled first."

SCOT IN RAID
The young soldier, a Scot, had just finished a letter when an enemy raid started.
"Shall I bother to address it?" he asked, with a rosy tragic air. "I may never be able to post it."

"Never mind, Jack," said his friend. "You needn't lick the stamp till the 'all clear' goes."



STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

"Oh, who will o'er the Downs with me?"
"Oh, who will with me ride?"
"The groom, Sir."
"The question, Hawkins, was purely rhetorical. Use your imagination, man. Suppose that this thoroughbred portion of electrical horseflesh should take the bit between his teeth and trot?"
"I'm afraid I don't follow you, Sir."
"I thought you looked a trifle baffled. You're wondering why I'm feeling so remarkably spry this morning. Why I appear in rude and vulgar health?"
"Oh no, Sir."

"And the question springs unbidden to your lips. 'Where, oh where, is the hangover followed by tradition?'"
"Not in the least, Sir."
"Just to satisfy your morbid curiosity, Hawkins, let me tell you that last night I stuck to gin-and-Rose's Lime Juice."
"Of course, Sir. Rose's. How foolish of me."
"And now, Hawkins, you might give this beast a rub down while I make for my tub. And see there's a whacking big breakfast—something like those hunt breakfasts you see on calendars."

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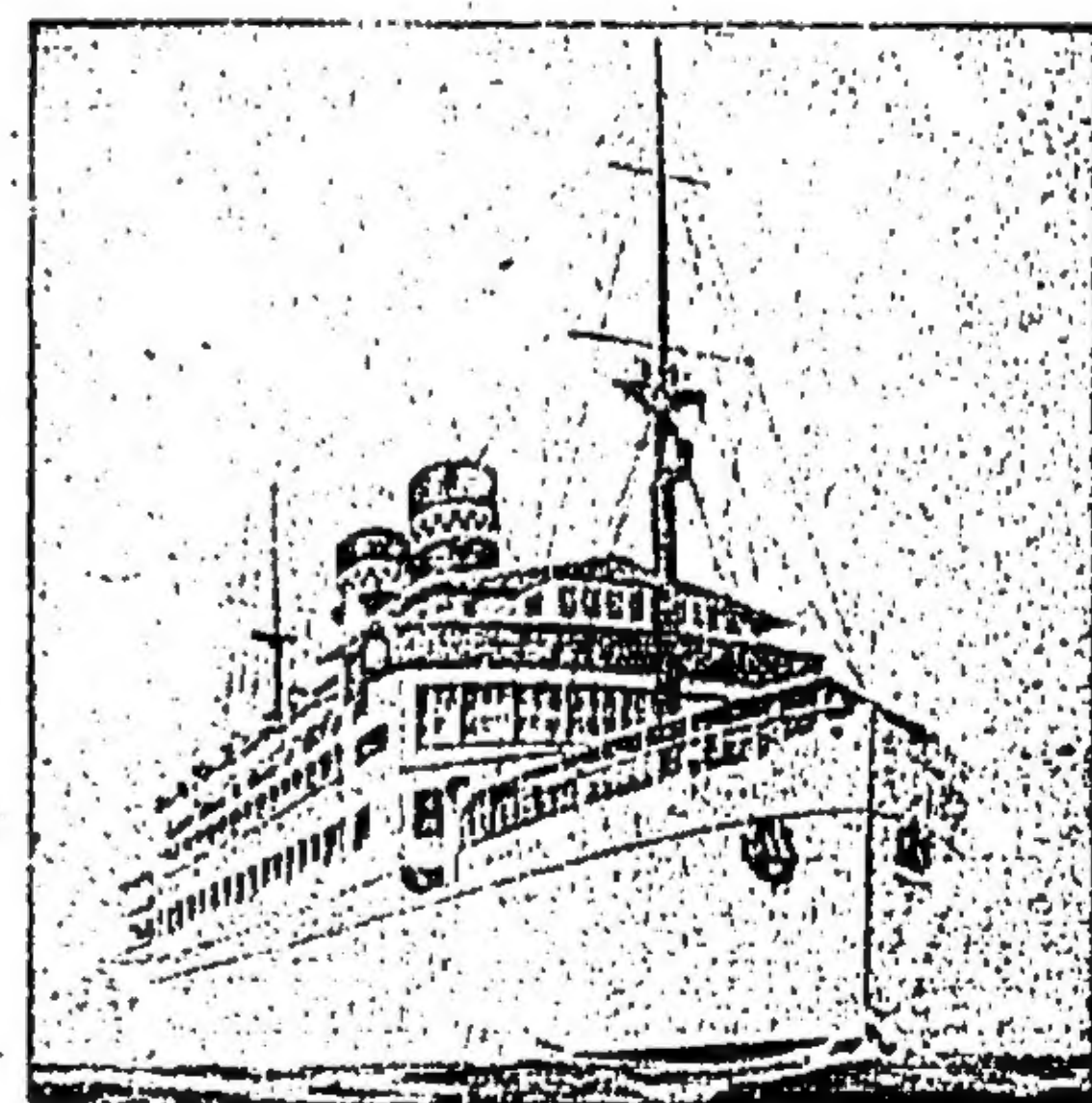
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